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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Guinea-Pigged Again!

Occasionally in this column we have reported the fact that University of California students of journalism or of political science use The Labor Journal as a guinea pig to some extent. They visit our office, ask questions, make notes, and first thing you know they've produced a term paper, or a thesis, or whatever the academic term is, with The Labor Journal as subject.

The latest thing in this line that we've had the pleasure of reading is "The Men and The Journal," by Varley McBeth, a student in Professor Winkler's Political Science 140 class over at that vast institution where the Regents—no labor representative among them!—are trying to make all the professors take a solemn oath that they never cussed their wives in Russian, never read a book, never thought a thought.

This theme, thesis, or term paper of Mr. McBeth's is 51 typewritten pages of mighty good reading matter, if you ask the business manager or the editor of The Labor Journal, for the document contains statements such as this about the said business manager and editor:

"The men are related to the paper in clear and honest degree: they have ideas, responsibilities, and a certain accountability to themselves, their unions, and their readers. They are aware of these and they put them into practice. They are labor men writing about the problems and ideals of labor: their job is to put out a newspaper, not run an opinion sheet: they succeed."

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"The Journal Succeeds"

The above are the concluding words of the document. Here are some other statements:

"The role that The Labor Journal has cast for itself is clear and straightforward: here is a job of newspaper work that needed doing: of clarification of values; of backgrounding political actions; of education in a field of living; of participation in the life of the community; of action on the labor front; of giving people in the labor movement a forum for the active discussion of their problems; of presenting an intelligent evaluation of the day's news; of being interesting without covering up a lack of content with a smear of leggy-girl advertising and cheap sensationalism; of being worthy to be called a labor paper. . . .

"If a good newspaper is one that puts out news that is called news, and opinion that is labeled such, and which tries to look at many sides of many questions, then The Labor Journal succeeds. If you dislike labor heartily, the paper is a failure. You can hardly read it, however, without feeling that here is vigor and here is sincerity and that here are men who know there is a job to do and that the time to do it is now."

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Mr. McBeth's Method

Naturally, we take almost as much pleasure in publishing such statements as we do in faithfully printing communications informing us that we're lousy, and that for the good of organized labor and the community we should jump into Lake Merritt and keep going under until the fatal third time.

Mr. McBeth's method of getting his material was interesting, even to an old hand. He walked into the office, said he was going to do a piece for his professor about our paper, and that he didn't want merely to ask questions, but wanted to stick around and "get the atmosphere." So our staff gave him one of those second hand dental chairs that is to be found at our office, and he watched us all at work, and then surreptitiously jotting down a note in which, one learned with some consternation later, he had caught some random remark on the fly, to be transplanted into typescript.

One soon got used to it, however, and it was as comfortable as being a goldfish in a bowl with a tomcat watching every move, a tomcat with a blue ribbon for goldfish catching.

But the man was on the right track. The first rule of journalism is: Spare the victim and spoil the story!

In closing, it might be mentioned that Mr. McBeth seems to be sympathetically interested in the problems of labor. Occident, the literary quarterly put out by the UC Associated Students, published a short story by him which deals with the difficulty a man has getting back slowly into his personal life and happinesses after an exhausting day in the factory.

Senator Knowland Presses Twin Span

U. S. Senator Knowland has announced in Washington that he will continue to get legislation approved authorizing a parallel bridge across San Francisco Bay.

Knowland made this statement after secretary of Defense Louis Johnson opposed the parallel bridge.

President of Clerks is Conferring With Teamos

General President Vernon Housewright of the AFL Retail Clerks has been in Los Angeles several days, conferring with the AFL Teamsters on jurisdictional questions which have become acute between the two unions in Los Angeles.

Thousands of Teamsters Get Wage Increase

New agreements have been signed by Teamsters Local 70 with associations and concerns covering upwards of 3000 men.

The master contract with the Draymen's Association, covering some 2000 teamsters, provides an increase of 50 cents a day across the board, the new wage for various classifications standing at $13.50 per day, $14.50, and $15.50.

Many of the proprietary houses come along with the terms set in this contract with the Draymen's Association, the union sending out notices to such houses of the terms, and the house replying either to assent or to raise points.

President George King of the big local said that Tuesday morning he received 35 letters from proprietary houses agreeing to the terms set in the Draymen's Association master contract.

WOOD PRODUCTS CONTRACT

A new agreement covering some 250 drivers has been signed with the Wood Products Association, the employers' group representing planing mills and lumber yards. This provides for an increase of 5 cents an hour, retroactive to May 4, and sets the two classifications at $13.50 a day, and $14.

The Wood Products contract also adds two paid holidays and a prorated vacation.

HEINZ CONTRACT

Still another contract was signed with the Heinz Company, covering some 20 drivers who haul from the big food products concern's warehouse at 14th and Poplar.

This agreement, retroactive to May 1, provides for a 50-cent per day increase for all classifications, and a prorated vacation. It sets the basic scale at $14 per day.

Tribute Paid to Memory Of John Jennings, Member Of Plumbers 42 Years

Samuel Donohue, secretary-treasurer of Plumbers Local 444, told The Labor Journal:

"In the death of John Jennings, Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local No. 444 sustain the loss of one of the old reliable members of the United Association.

"With 5 or 6 others, Brother Jennings came to California during the month of September, 1947. He was initiated by Local No. 90 of Scranton, Penn. on September 28, 1907. Notwithstanding the fact that he had been a member of this Local Union for a considerable length of time it is likely that only a small number of our members knew him.

"This is due to his very gentlemenly attitude and retiring disposition. However, to know him would be to forge the link of brotherly love that much stronger. Sometime before coming to California he buried his wife, and during the first part of this year other members of his family joined him here and were all living together at the time he suffered a heart attack on Memorial Day.

"He was taken to the hospital and kept in an oxygen tent for several weeks. During the few days prior to his death, which was on Thursday, June 16, he was contemplating returning to his residence. However, a blood clot formed, from which he went into a coma and later died.

"His funeral was held at a local undertaking parlor and the interment following a Requiem High Mass in Holy Sepulchre was at Hayward, California."

Number of Workers In Jobs Increases

State Govt. Release

For the second consecutive month, the number of workers employed in Alameda County industries increased. Seasonal activities in agriculture and related industries provided most of the job opportunities which occurred during May.

Manufacturing industries as a group maintained their April levels with seasonal gains in food processing offset by declines in durable goods plants.

In the retail-wholesale trades, spring sales in retail establishments opened up short-time jobs for a number of salespersons who have been unemployed for several weeks.

The 1,223 employers visited during the month by local State Employment office representatives indicate that limited gains in employment are expected through the summer months in all types of establishments except laundries and other personal service establishments.

Food processing and agricultural employment is expected to increase rapidly during the next two and six months as succeeding crops reach the harvest stage.

Employment statistics gathered from 148 employers in Alameda County who currently have approximately 72,779 workers on their payrolls reveal that these establishments plan to increase their staffs to a total of 76,685 workers by September.

Typo 36 Meets June 26

Oakland Typographical Local 36 meets Sunday, June 26, at 10 a.m., Hall D, second floor, new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, President C. Roy Heinrichs and Secretary-Treasurer John W. Austin announce.

Sheet Metal Local 216 Elects L. Child As Business Agent

Lloyd Child, assistant business representative for two terms of Sheet Metal Workers Local 216, was elected business representative and financial secretary, defeating George Grosser, incumbent, in an election held Saturday.

Joe F. Pruss, who had been president, was elected assistant business representative without opposition.

Others elected were:

President: Percy L. Hand, defeating Alfred Galeria.

Vice-President: William A. Thomas, defeating William Nickals and Alfred Gomes.

Recording Secretary: Donald R. Kennedy, defeating James Witharm.

Without opposition, George A. Germain was reelected treasurer; Lester Krenz was elected conductor.

Arthur Teves was reelected warden, defeating R. E. Quinn, Jr.

R. E. Quinn, Sr., and Joseph Vierra were reelected without opposition as delegates to the Building Trades Council; and William E. Haake and Stanford L. Davis were reelected without opposition as delegates to the Central Labor Council.

The following five were named to the executive board: R. E. Quinn, Sr., incumbent; William Nickals, incumbent; and Arthur Teves, Claude E. Larson, Stanford L. Davis. Others who ran for these posts were: William Carmichael, Joseph Vierra, John G. Grady, and Howard O. Wood.

Trustees, reelected without opposition, were: Mel T. Basso, C. E. Armitage, and Sidney Amess.

Nearly 800 ballots were cast.

Building Trades Workers Receive Warning That Denver Work is Scarce

The Building Trades Council has received the following letter:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

It is very apparent that through the "grapevine" or by some other manner or means the word is out that work in Denver is plentiful.

We are alarmed at the large number of construction workers pouring into this area from other parts of the country, and we think it is only fair to the traveler, as well as the local members, that the correct information be made available to all of our people.

First of all, the housing situation is terrible. Secondly, we are just now emerging from a paralyzing nine weeks strike, which sets all of our work dangerously near to winter, with the result that many projects have been either postponed or cancelled.

According to a poll of all organizations, which I have recently made, there are men available in almost every craft. I strongly urge that anyone wishing to come to Denver, first get in touch with me or the agent of his own organization.

Fraternally yours,
CLIFFORD G. GOOLD,
Business Representative, Denver Building Trades Council.

Geo. Price Mourned By Musician Union

The body of George Price, formerly business agent of Musicians Local 6, who died June 11, was sent to Portland for interment.

Price was business agent of the local until 1932, having held the post several years, and was succeeded by Al Morris.

Price was 72. He was a bachelor.

Carmen Consider Key Strike Issue

Members of Carmen's Division 192 were scheduled to gather at Oakland Auditorium Theater at 2:30 a.m. today (Friday) to hear reports on the negotiations with the Key System which went into high gear Wednesday morning after the union announced its meeting for today.

The feeling was strong in labor circles that it was the announcement of today's union meeting which induced Key System officials to get off the dime and agree to more intensive negotiations.

It was agreed that negotiations would continue until the very hour of the meeting today, and there was some belief that the company might make a last-minute offer more acceptable to a union which has already voted to "strike if necessary."

UNION ON ARBITRATION

Earlier in the week Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins had announced that there had been no meeting of minds in the negotiations carried on by a special committee of three from the union, three from management, and three from the municipalities affected by the strike.

The union had asked the municipalities to pledge full backing of arbitration if no agreement was reached, but the spokesmen for the municipalities indicated that they did not feel qualified to pledge this.

BASIC ISSUE

The basic issue is the demand of the union for the same take-home pay the members now get for 48 hours a week, with the coming into effect of the 40-hour week which the company in the current negotiations has promised to grant. The company insists on a big cut in pay when the 40-hour week begins.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported at the CLC meeting Monday night that some of the arguments put up by Key representatives in the negotiations were as strange as he had ever heard in all the years of his labor union experience.

Welfare Plan Announced By AFL Longshoremen In Pacific Northwest

The AFL International Longshoremen's Association and the employers' Pacific Maritime Association have issued a joint press release announcing that AFL longshoremen and their employers in the Pacific Northwest have "pioneered a new field" and have "adopted the first welfare plan for ship or dock personnel in West shipping." The release says.

"Starting June 27, eight-tenths of one percent of a man's payroll dollar will be deducted from his wages and deposited in the Welfare Fund. Employers will match this with an equal amount. When the fund is large enough to pay a half year's premium on the insurance and hospital features, notice will be given that the plan will take effect in 28 days. Those wanting insurance and hospital coverage will apply within that 28 period.

"Insurance and hospital benefits will be available to applicants who have earned $2,000 or worked 800 hours in the first four of five quarters preceding the effective date.

Availability for employment is another qualification."

The AFL has retained jurisdiction over some longshoremen in the Pacific Northwest ever since Harry Bridges' group seceded from the AFL union and formed the CIO ILWU.

Clinton Alleges Warehouse Pickets Being Bypassed

The daily press published Wednesday claims by the employers' group, the Distributors Association of Northern California, that the strike of CIO Warehouse Local 6 is failing to cut off supplies to retail stores.

The reason for this, it was stated, is that AFL teamsters are unloading goods from boxcars and that the stuff is then hauled directly to retail stores. The teamsters who do this, it was stated, are the ones who regularly haul stuff from such boxcars to the warehouses.

"OPERATION IN EFFECT"

J. Hart Clinton, executive vice-president of the employers' group, commenting on this alleged system of by passing the picketed warehouses, said:

"I doubt whether the public will feel the strike's effect at any time so far as foods, appliances and that sort of thing is concerned.

"We have an operation already in effect. Supplies are being brought in directly from rail points to stores."

EINAR MOHN'S COMMENT

The editor of The Labor Journal telephoned to Teamsters International Representative Einar Mohn in San Francsico, and asked:

"Is the statement by the employers' spokesman true?"

Mohn replied:

"Whatever work our teamsters normally do, they will continue to do. They always do some hauling direct from the tracks."

Mohn laughed and added:

"The employers' spokesman makes that same statement every year when the warehouses are struck."

The warehouse strike began last Friday.

Shipyard Pact Agreed on, Says Todd President

Announcement was made in Santa Barbara this week by John D. Reilly, president of Todd Shipyards, that a new Pacific Coast master labor contract covering shipyards in Oakland and most of the Coast has been agreed upon.

Thomas A. Rotell, executive secretary of the AFL Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, has with fellow unionists been conferring with Reilly and other shipyard managers at Santa Barbara.

Reilly said that the pact, effective July 1, calls for no increase in wages.

Reilly in his statement to the press said that the union negotiators had been "most cooperative and realistic" in their approach to the problem faced by both management and labor in getting more work allocated to Pacific Coast yards.

UCLA PROFESSORS are just as down on the proposed loyalty oath concocted by the Regents of the State University as are the ones on the Berkeley campus. They ask it be changed.

BTC Gets Reports On AGC Contracts And Flood Control

Report on the progress of negotiations with the Associated General Contractors by the Laborers, Cement Finishers, and Operating Engineers was made at the meeting of the Building Trades Council Tuesday night.

In San Francisco Superior Judge Daniel R. Shoemaker on Tuesday appointed Edward L. Turkington, former S. F. police commissioner, to arbitrate the wage dispute between AFL Carpenters and the AGC.

The Bay District Council of Carpenters had gone to court for an arbitration order after a disagreement with the contractors over a demanded 25-cent wage increase over the basic $2.16 hourly rate.

FLOOD CONTROL

Business Representative Jack Reynolds reported that locally efforts are being made to weaken the flood control measure now before the State Senate by "endorsing it" with the proviso that no incorporated area need belong to the proposed flood control district unless its presidents wish to do so.

The BTC has taken the stand that the measure, which passed the Assembly by unanimous vote, is far more than a flood control measure, that it provides for conserving the water supply of the whole area, and will provide more building sites for factories.

The BTC sent a telegram to State Senator Breed urging him to vote for the measure.

STATE FED DELEGATES

President Al Clem and Business Representative Reynolds were elected delegates of the BTC to this year's convention of the State Federation of Labor.

Auto Machinists Win 9th Game Out of 10 Starts

Auto Machinists Local 1546 added another victory to their string by defeating Randy's Meats by a score of 5 to 3, and this makes nine wins in the last ten starts.

Ed Aguirre, in addition to pitching a 4 hit ball game and striking out 17 of Randy's hitters, blasted a home run with one man on base. Tommy Burch with 2 for 2 and Larry Nunes with 2 for 3 were the leading hitters for the Machinists. Nunes, the aggressive shortstop for the Mechanics, has compiled a batting average of over .600 in the past fifteen ball games and that is hitting the ball hard in any league.

George Tablyn, righthander for Randy's who recently returned from Redding in the Far West league, was touched for eight bingles by the Machinists batsmen and pitched effectively in the clutches. Loose play by his supporters was responsible for two of the winner's runs. Tablyn struck out 5 hitters.

Sunday, June 26, Local 1546 will play the Oakland Indians, a team composed of Navy men from Treasure Island, at McConnell Field, 82nd avenue and Olive streets in East Oakland. 12:00 p.m. will be starting time for the game.

Welfare Plan Unions Are Warned to Be Watchful

Secretary Robert S. Ash at the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday night suggested that unions with welfare plans be watchful about fees charged by physicians and hospitals to their members. One union officer had reported to him, said Ash, that some hospitals and physicians seemed inclined to charge more to an individual when it was known he was a member of a union with a welfare plan.

Bakers Stand Pat, Lockout Is Launched

Members of Bakers Local 119 turned down by a vote of 400 to 9 an offer of 5 cents an hour wage increase made by retail bakeries represented by the United Employers, and shortly thereafter, Wednesday morning, these bakers launched a lockout.

The United Employers had stated Tuesday that Wednesday morning 50 retail bakeries would shut down, and that these bakeries employed 125 bakers belonging to Local 119, and 150 salesgirls belonging to Food Clerks Local 870.

FOOD CLERKS

Charles Omstead, secretary of Food Clerks 870, had told all the salesgirls locked out to report promptly at his office, but a little before noon Wednesday very few had showed up so it was assumed that possibly some of the shops were not closing as promptly as expected.

Otto Munschner reported for Bakers 119 at the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday night that 86 of the 150 retail shops had already signed the proposed contract since picketing of shops which refused to sign had begun.

CLC CHEERS BAKERS

When Munschner reported that the union had voted 400 to 9 against the 5-cent offer, and added, "Some vote!" there were cheers and handclaps from the CLC delegates.

The union had been asking 12 cents. The basic wage for journeymen is now $1.57. The big factory bakeries are not affected, as they have already signed a contract with the union.

Officers Elected, Paint Makers 1101

Paint Makers Local 1101 elected officers Tuesday night. Jack Kopke reports the following elected:

President, Pete Ceremello; vice-president, Larry Alvers; recording secretary, James Zuker; financial secretary and treasurer, Louis Pape; warden, William Harvey; conductor, Stacy Jefford; trustee, George Ferry, the holdover incumbents being Stacy Jefford and Charles Herman.

After the election, the nearly 400 members present heard a report on the contract negotiations, which have been progressing fairly satisfactorily.

Son of Central Labor Council Officer Wins Scholarship at Yale

Robert Cowell, son of Vice-President Edna Lallement of the Central Labor Council, has won a scholarship for the study of law at Yale University.

Ed Meese, who has been a debater with Cowell, sometimes opposing him and sometimes joining with him to win cups for Oakland High School, has also won a scholarship, and this increases young Cowell's pleasure in going to Yale, as the two are fast friends.

The scholarship is substantial enough to carry a large part of the financial load through the first year of Yale, and if a scholarship winner's grades are satisfactory, the scholarship is renewed for successive terms.

Cowell was 18 in April, the month he took the examinations the passing of which won him the scholarship.

Edna Lallement is an official of Building Service Employes Local 18.

Nothing Personal

Notes on the cuff . . . We noted with pleasure that sons of two of our labor leaders in the County won scholarships to universities . . . the first, George Allen, Jr. son of the Watchmakers Union BA and the second, Robert Cowell, son of Edna Lallement, BA of the Bldg. Service Union and Vice Pres. of the CLC . . . George won his scholarship to Ruskin College in England, while Frank won his at Yale . . . and if you want to see two extremely proud and happy parents, just look up Edna or George Allen, Sr., . . . Both of them are just busting with pride . . . and can you blame them? . . . We know this too, . . . that after the good union training those boys have had from their 100% union parents that they'll be an asset to the labor movement in the years ahead . . . and to both of them . . . heartiest congratulations.

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And while we are extending congratulations . . . we want to include Marie Duncan and her good husband Johnnie Duncan . . . Marie was one of the top favorites of the Labor Temple when she was working at the Pirates Cave around on Broadway . . . and some six or seven months ago, Marie retired to be a homebody . . . Well, just the other day on June 7th, a son, christened Thomas Michael Duncan was born to Marie and Johnnie . . . The youngster weighed 7½ pounds at birth and both he and his mom are doing excellently . . . the proud pappy, Johnnie Duncan is a member of Carpenters Union, Local 1473 . . . and the whole Temple Association rejoices with the Duncans on the birth of their first child.

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To those many friends of Vic Lester, former president of the local Bartenders union that have wondered where Vic has been keeping himself . . . we found out that Vic is out on San Pablo Avenue near the Oakland Ball Park . . . We wouldn't want to put in a plug for the spot Vic is working in as that jursidiction is covered by our ad man . . . but . . . it's the name of a railroad and Vic's spot is just across the street from the railroad of the same name . . . Vic will be glad to see his many many friends when they're out that way

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We understand that a new Democratic Council of representatives from all of Alameda County has been formed to coordinate activities of the local Demo party for future campaigns . . . We noticed that the new council has a liberal sprinkling of labor names on it and our good legislators George P. Miller, Frank Dunn and Byron Rumord are charter members of the group.

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CLC Secretary Bob Ash has been serving as temporary secretary of the new group . . . while John Kinnick of the Office Employes, Jack Austin of the Printers, J. C. Reynolds of the BTC, Jeff Cohelan of the Teamsters, Arnold Campo of the Steelworkers, Beatrice McVaney of the Teachers Union, and Frank Chambers were all listed as original invitees to the organizational meeting.

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Other labor participants were . . . Ruby Hall, Hayward Culinary Group, Charles Roe and Les Williams of the Hayward Carpenters, H. A. Hager, R. R. Brotherhood, James McKenna, Auto Workers, Frank Swan, R. R. Clerks, C. L. Dellums, Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters, Lew Blix, Dental Technicians, Ray Colliver, Office Employes, Paul Jones, Laborers 304 and last but by no means least Mrs. Ed Clancy of Alameda, wife of Ed Clancy of the Periodical Drivers.

We hope that this group will be able to accomplish those things that they have organized to do . . . With a good virile group such as the above, several wonders could be accomplished on the local, state and national scene . . . Our best wishes for their success.

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While we mentioned our good friend George P. Miller above . . . we want to put in this plug for him down here . . . Be sure and read Congressman Miller's statement on repeal of the T-H law that is carried on this page . . . It's concise and to the point and what a wallop it contains . . . Our Congressman is getting to be a master at short, pungent statements and his talk on T-H repeal is one that should be clipped out and read at your union meeting to your membership . . . We will be waiting with bated breath to read the remarks of our other Congressmen from this area on the same subject.

$1,200,000 UC Building

Ground will be broken shortly for another major postwar building on the Berkeley campus of the University of California—the $1,200,000 Physics Building Addition.

Congressman Geo. P. Miller Demands Full Repeal of T-H Law

As The Labor Journal went to press the U. S. Senate was moving toward taking action on the key issue in connection with the Taft-Hartley repeal move, that is, the "National Emergency Strike" question.

Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Democrat, recently made a two-day speech attacking Senator Taft's proposed substitute for the Taft-Hartley Law. Humphrey insisted that straight out repeal of T-H is what the Democratic Party pledged.

"Repeal is not an elastic, abtruse word," insisted Humphrey, "amenable to the crude techniques of political double-talk. It means annul, cancel, abolish. The people want this annihilated, not rehashed, polished over, or covered up by a changed, attractive new look."

Equally vigorous had been the earlier discussion of the Taft-Hartley Law in the House of Representatives by Congressman George P. Miller of Oakland, representing the 6th California District.

MILLER'S SPEECH

Following is Congressman Miller's speech:

I urge the adoption of this bill that seeks to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and to replace it with a more rational approach to the labor-management problem.

The repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and the passage of this bill by the Congress is a solemn obligation.

The people of this Nation indicated their dissatisfaction with the Taft-Hartley Act in the November elections. The pros and cons of the issue were presented by the opposing parties. The majority of the people decided that the Taft-Hartley Act was a bad labor law. It seems to me that if we believe in the democratic process, our course is clear. There is no choice on our part. An election mandate is not a thing to be ignored—no matter how great the pressure put upon by lobbyists representing minority interest groups.

It is my considered judgment that the supporters of the Taft-Hartley Act have put over a monstrous fraud on the people of this country.

In the name of equalizing the bargaining power of employers and unions, they have sought to destroy collective bargaining itself.

In the name of equalizing responsibility between employers and unions, they have sought to subject labor organizations to excessive damage suits in an effort to break them morally and financially.

In the name of protecting the rights of the individual worker they have sought to destroy the very existence of free trade unions.

"PEOPLE REJECTED T-H"

In the name of regulating trade unions they have sought to weaken their ability to defend the wage and living standards of the American worker.

When this act was before the Eightieth Congress I voted against it and spoke against its passage. I voted to sustain President Truman's veto of a bad law.

It was an ill-considered piece of legislation that the people have rejected.

In countless other ways—and always with honeyed words—the proponents of the Taft-Hartley Act are trying to return this country to disastrous labor policies of the past. Those policies, long advocated by the National Association of Manufacturers and certain selfish employers and employer groups, would place the employe at the mercy of the employer, would take away from labor organizations the basic right to bargain in the interest of their members.

In the public debate over Taft-Hartley Act there has been much heat and little light. The proponents of the measure insist that the legislation is in the public interest and that it protects, not harms, labor. These claims are contrary to the facts. A reading of the Taft-Hartley Act and the experience we have had with it in nearly 2 years show exactly what effect it has had.

It restores Government by injunction, and puts labor in a special legal category apart from the rest of the Nation.

It restricts right of speech for labor.

It denies labor the right to participate in the political life of the Nation.

It has all but taken away labor's power to bargain collectively on an orderly and equitable basis.

"ONLY 15,000,000 MEN!"

The provisions of the act set a dangerous precedent. They say one thing and mean another. Behind every one of its thousands of words and hundreds of sections and subsections there is a hidden meaning. It is the kind of law that can be used—and has been used—to make a mockery of judicial processes. It is the kind of law that can be used—and has been used—to destroy the very basis of equality before the law.

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act is not solely the concern of labor. A law which is bad, is bad for all groups. It is bad for the Nation.

In these times of division throughout the world it is imperative that we have unity at home. Laws such as the Taft-Hartley Act divide and disrupt the Nation. The times, and simple justice, demand that we remove such one-sided, special-interest-group legislation from the books. The times demand the passage of sound, equitable labor legislation. The Lesinski bill will restore to labor the dignity and rights inherent to it.

So far, in this debate, we have seen men come into the well of this House who sought by subtle means to minimize the importance of those adversely affected by the Taft-Hartley Act.

"There are only 15,000,000 men affiliated with organized labor," pleads one of them. "Do not heed minority pressure."

While it is true that there may be only 15,000,000 bona fide members of labor unions in the United States, they represent the breadwinners for sixty-odd-million people; 60,000,000 people who are the backbone of America.

103 EX-CONGRESSMEN!

Sixty million people whose economic welfare is directly tied to this bad law we seek to repeal today.

Be not misled, my colleagues, by this fatuous reasoning that a mere 15,000,000 people—a minority—are our only concern. It seems to me that the seats formerly occupied by 103 ex-Members of the House of Representatives who voted for the Taft-Hartley Act and the presence in the White House of the gentleman from Missouri successfully answers this argument in a rather unique way. The frank admissions by those high in the councils of the party that sponsored the Taft-Hartley Act, that it is not a perfect law—and that is an understatement—show the weakness of their cause.

Their continued protestations of their desire to maintain a strong labor movement are belied a moment later when they urge the substitution of the Wood bill for the Lesinski bill, that would change the name but not the substance of the law.

The Taft-Hartley law was conceived in black passion and was designed to break the labor movement and render it impotent. Let us stand up and do our duty. It should be repealed.

Assembly Passes Disability Bills

State Federation News Service

Over the sole dissenting vote of Levering, the Assembly on June 13 passed Federation bill **AB 327**, to permit the payment of disability insurance during trade disputes.

On June 10, the Assembly passed Federation **AB 112**, which removes the necessity of obtaining the consent of the employer when employes desire to enter a voluntary plan for disability insurance. The bill was passed by a vote of 46 to 18.

Nicely a Vice-President Of Paint Makers Council

Paul Nicely of Paint Makers Local 1101 was elected second vice-president of the Western Joint Council of Paint and Brush Makers which held a three-day conference in Oakland last week.

Ray Kent of Seattle was elected president; Clifford Stephenson of Los Angeles first vice-president; Vic Armstrong of San Mateo secretary-treasurer; and John Shoop of San Francisco and A. C. McGill of Portland, trustees.

2000 Votes Are Cast by Culinary Alliance 31

Culinary Alliance Local 31 voted for officers Tuesday, some 2000 ballots being cast. When The Labor Journal went to press, the votes were still being counted.

NEW PHONE BUILDING in Oakland is near enough to completion to enable personnel to begin moving in. Dedication and public inspection will be held in October.

Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939!

ATTENTION!

There will be an election held Friday, June 24, to elect officers for the coming year. This is the first time in the history of Local 939 that all offices are elective, so come out and vote for the men of your choice. For your convenience the polling place will be open from 12 noon to 9 P. M.

Fraternally yours,
JOSEPH R. STRELECKY,
Recording Secretary

INSIDE NEWS of A. F. of L. LABOR UNIONS and AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

A milk agreement has not been reached, notwithstanding a twelve-hour negotiation meeting on Monday, June 13. Bill Fee, from the Council, Jeff Cohelan of Milk Wagon Drivers, Local 302 and Business Agent Kinnick of Local 29, represented the Union. The Milk Industry members turned out to a meeting in large numbers on Thursday, June 16, and voted overwhelmingly to reject an employer's proposal for a wage increase averaging $7.50 per month. Another meeting is being arranged by Secretary Fee with the Employer group.

Secretary Colliver, Business Agent Kinnick, Ernie Vernon, and a committee from the Central Labor Council consisting of Secretary Ash, Charles Omstead and John Quinn, are negotiating the McKesson Robbins contract with the company.

The Jewelry Employers are meeting with United Employers' negotiator, Arthur Jacobs, this week to take action on the union proposal for a $2.00 per week increase in all classifications and to premium intermediate employes retroactive to May 15.

In the way of personal news . . . Jackie Johnson of Market Laundry, just returned from a five week vacation trip by car to her home town, Little Rock, Arkansas, then up to Detroit, Michigan, and back by way of Salt Lake City.

Catherine Warren of Durkee Famous Foods, was married on June 18 to Jim Elsken. Congratulations from all of us to Catherine.

Also congratulations to Trustee Ruth Knight, formerly employed at our Union Office and more recently at the Milk Wagon Drivers Union No. 302, as she was blessed with a baby girl born at Permanente Hospital June 15.

ATTENTION!

The next regular meeting of Local No. 29 will be held on July 20, 1949, at Porter Hall, 1918 Grove street, 7:30 p.m. This by virtue of Executive Board emergency action.

Fraternally,
R. R. COLLIVER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

GEORGE F. ALLEN

I received a request last week for blood donors from Boni Sagasti, one of the members of the union. His wife has been confined to a hospital and required two blood transfusions. We are happy to report that two of our members, Wm. F. Alliston and Jack Layne, volunteered to supply the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank with replacements for the aforementioned transfusions.

As requested by the San Francisco Labor Council, Gus Farber and his attorney appeared before the council executive board on our strike request. The matter was held in committee one week with President Shelley being authorized to attempt to work out a settlement. This is the same problem we have faced in other instances, that of a independent contractor in business for himself in a jewelry establishment. I am hopeful this can be worked out mutually in an agreeable way to all concerned. Other meetings will be held between the union and Farbers in an attempt to adjust the matter.

Pierre, the Swiss trained watch expert at 333 Stockton Street, has a one year guarantee sign in his window. Peter Gluckman, the owner of Pierre's, refused to remove his one year guarantee sign. Inasmuch as this establishment is located in the Hotel Devonshire Building, I am attempting to get the matter adjusted with the help of the Hotel Service Workers Union before taking the matter up with the San Francisco Labor Council.

If you will look through this issue of the paper, you will find an article concerning the winning of a labor scholarship by my son that will take him to Ruskin Labor College at Oxford, England.

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SHIPYARD LABORERS 886

HARRY MILLER SAYS:

That this was a very eventful week for Local 886 and its Political Activities Committee.

That on Wednesday, word was received from Drew Pearson, famous author-columnist of the "Washington Merry Go Round," that he was going to take up the subject of shipbuilding either in his column or over the radio.

That on Thursday night, O. K. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Local, joined R. J. (Ray) Brennan, Committee Chairman, and H. L. (Harry) Miller, Vice Chairman, in an appearance before the Oakland City Council. By unanimous vote on motion by Scott Weakley, the Council joined Richmond in requesting passage of HR 4190 now being heard before the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

That on Monday afternoon, June 20, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, also by unanimous action, responded to the Committee's request and sent official notification to Washington. On Tuesday it is hoped to obtain some official action from Alameda. This will put all communities of the Bay area solidly behind the program of allocating ships to West Coast yards.

That A. F. (Bart) Bartholomew returned from Santa Barbara where negotiations were concluded with the employers. Bart reports things didn't turn out so bad down there, even though negotiations did lose a number of weeks.

That most members read the story in the local papers on Thursday about the contemplated work on the MARIPOSA and the MONTEREY. They also contemplate, with considerable joy, the announced intention of restoring many of the boats at Suisun Bay.

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STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Hugh Calloway, Walter Davisson, E. H. Fullmer, Oren R. Ferguson, Emil Falk, Howard Haffter, H. C. Harris, Morrell Harris, Charles Hoffman, Virgil Johnson, C. R. Mansir, Charles Manville, Vincent Monzo, J. C. McAdams, Roy Parman, Bruce Paul, Ray Shearer, Chas. Stillwell, Gust Strom, Manuel Travers, Harold Tarp, Clarence Valentine, George Valentine, Dave Wilhelm.

We regret to report that since last week we have lost two of our members. Brother C. F. Lehritter an honorary life member since 1932, and one of the oldest time members of the local passed away on June 16th after a lengthy illness. Brother William M. Fowler who came into the local in 1943 from the East passed away on June 17. The officers and members of the local extend their sympathies to the families and members of our departed brothers. Brother Lehritter was not a member of our local death fund having declined to continue after being transferred to life membership. Brother William Fowler's death creates assessment No. 168 which is now due.

WORK CONDITIONS

Work has held up well with several large jobs about ready to break. With over a thousand members in the local we have not had more than 15 or 20 unemployed around the office this week which is the average we have always had and probably always will. The reason for this unemployed group are numerous and many and range all the way from simply job changing one employer to another, to being unable to handle the type of work offered.

ENTERTAINMENT

We hope that all the brothers have made arrangements to attend our annual picnic which will be held this year at Linda Vista Park near Mission San Jose on July 17th.

The brothers who have attended these picnics in the past have always attested to the fine time they had. After the picnic was over many of the brothers have stated that they wish they had of attended. Why not plan now on bringing the family and enjoy the day with the painters. As usual you can invite your friends to come with you but not outsiders unless in company with a painter. Dancing all afternoon, games, races, free refreshments for both grown ups and kiddies will be provided. Don't be a wish I had of wenter but plan on being there. Remember the date Sunday July 17th, Linda Vista Park near Mission San Jose on the upper San Jose Highway.

HEALTH AND HOSPITAL PLAN

This plan is working out well with the brothers cooperating with the office fine. We have had a few of the brothers on the sick list who have come under the plan and are taking advantage of it by properly reporting into the office. Remember to report in as soon as you are unable to work on account of sickness or accident.

ELECTION

As these notes are made up on Wednesday we do not have the results of the election held Thursday. These results will be in next week's issue. Third quarter dues can now be paid as cards and buttons are in the office. Next meeting will be July 14th.

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DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

(Theatrical Employes B-82)

The final meeting of the month will be held Saturday June 25th at 10 a.m. in the meeting hall above the union office.

There is a tendency on the part of some members from time to time to overlook the value of their union membership. They may be consistently paid-up members, but because they fail to attend union meetings regularly they often are not aware of the many simple services your union business office offers you.

Primarily our office exists to be of service to the members. Some time this goes into unrelated fields, but as an example we have been successful in stopping garnishment of wages and obtaining important legal advice for members, without charge to the members.

Naturally we attempt to place unemployed members on jobs, when vacancies exist, but often we don't know if you are available for job assignments if you do not report being unemployed to the office.

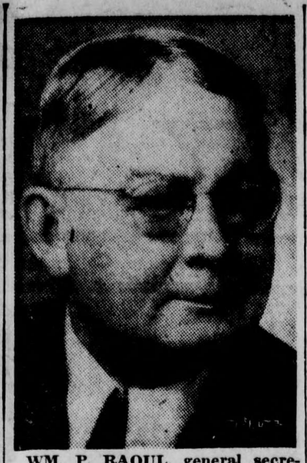
Regardless of what another member may tell you will be the union attitude toward any given circumstance, check and find out for yourself. Sometimes management will speak without any authorization as to what the union's attitude may be. Again we repeat, find out for yourself.

It is no crime to be fired from a job. Sometimes the employe takes the stand that he will not be dispatched for another job, if he was discharged. Circumstances vary greatly, it is unfair to judge all theatres by a few violations, mild or flagrant often continue to exist on some jobs because the difficulty has not been called to the attention of the union office. We mention these matters because we realize that many of our members are workers for the first time and due to turnover sometimes are not thrown in with other experienced employes.

Report any circumstances that you believe improper practices in your theatre. Rest assured that the identity will not be revealed, unless you so desire. We are particularly interested in managers such as that one in Berkeley, who cautioned his employes not to call the union office for information, but told them in effect that his word is final. It wasn't so final when he was on the carpet before his boss.

The union office is here to serve you. You can best serve yourself by taking an active part in attending the union meetings. Remember the final meeting of the month will be held tomorrow morning (Saturday).

Up and down the aisle . . . Virginia Shaffer, replacing Kay Palfini as head usherette at the Fox-Oakland . . . Molly Dunbar and Bonda Ball are the two new additions to the T & D floor staff, replacing Loretta Begley and Joan Williams . . . In response to our plea for more material for the column contributed directly by the members we received the following concerning a barbecue in Redwood Highlands attended by members too numerous to mention, but among which were included Elmer Loofbourrow, Aline Farnsworth Hale, Jean Parker Karvis, Barbara Zaus and Helen Ferguson. According to the source of our information there were plenty of steaks and potato salad for all. The evening was highlighted by Elmer Loofbourrow's harmonica solos and climaxed with an impromptu street dance with the lighting furnished by the guests cars . . . Ed Chew, Franklin relief man who spends the majority of his time selling insurance is looking forward to being presented with a new wrist watch, which is his award for coming in fourth in a recent sales contest. He sold the second highest volume of contracts. . . . Les Cochran of the Orpheum, celebrating his birthday quietly at Tiny's . . . A few nights before Les was shaking pinkies with James Caesar Petrillo of the Musicians union, who was in S. F. for their convention . . . How time flies! Ten years ago Larry Sollars Fox-Oakland stagehand left to devote himself to the "Curve" in Lafayette.



WM. P. RAOUL, general secretary-treasurer, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, says:

"In these trying times, when labor's very existence has been threatened by enemies from outside the movement, union men and women everywhere must stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of the collective bargaining principles that have made our American standard of living the highest on earth. Organized boycotts may be ruled out by shortsighted lawmakers, but no statute can prevent free individuals from choosing only those articles that are union made and patronizing only those establishments that are union operated."

Today the restaurant is one of the top eating places on the "Tunnel Strip" and Larry is the senior man in that business from the standpoint of seniority in that area . . . Which reminds us that friends of Sophie "Kitty" Katsano can still find her at Los Palomas in Walnut Creek. Recently their juke box has been featuring the recordings of Hadda Brooks, who is currently appearing at the "Say When" in S. F. and who will soon open at Ciro's in the same city . . . Ola White, just back from her vacation in L. A. and preparing to return to her duties at the Central . . . Minna Lagella Collyer and Eldien Kistner Smith, preparing to make that long trek to usher at the Alameda County Fair to be held in Pleasanton from June 29th through July 9th . . . Pat Mullin, formerly of the Fox-Oakland now in the credit office at H. C. Capwell's.

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PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

Woman's Auxiliary Number 26 to Oakland Typographical Union Number 36 will hold a public whist party at the Labor Temple on Saturday, June 25, at 8 p.m., in Hall A. Tickets at 50c per person will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be served and there will be a number of prizes.

There will be no social afternoon during June, the card party of the 25th taking care of that.

Lee's Men Shop, 2010 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, carry men's suits with the union label—in fact union label men's wear of various kinds.

July business meeting at Mr. Cushing's home, 454 - 59th St.

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CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular business meeting on June 24. This is an important meeting so try and be there on time as we will open promptly.

Annie Elvin reports that Vertie Newman is not at all well. We are very sorry to hear this as Vertie has had her share of trouble for some time. We all hope to hear better news from Vertie very soon.

Bert Shumake is reported as some better. We hope this will continue and to hear more good news from Bert right along.

Some of our members have colds, but otherwise I think there is no illness to report.

The Fourth of July holiday is very near and many of our members and friends will be going away for the weekend. We wish for all a happy holiday and to insure this for yourself and others drive carefully. Do not try and beat the other fellow. You only save a few minutes and may cost the lives of several and maybe your own. Try and feel that you are only one of a multitude on the road. Drive carefully and come home safely.

As there is not much news this week I will just remind you. Attend meetings. Do your part. At least you will feel that you have done your duty.

Also remember! Buy Union at all times. Try and find goods with the label. Ask for it. If the label is not on union goods try and find out why. Let us remember this always when buying any line of goods or hiring any work done.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

"HUNGER AND DEMOCRACY" is the theme of the 15th annual session of the Institute of International Relations this week on the Mills College campus. The American Friends Service Committee sponsors these sessions at Mills and other colleges throughout the country.

Much News of Many People!

BAY AREA ECONOMY yardstick is the number of new retail store openings, says the Bay Area Council, reported above the 6,000 mark for the past two years (1947-48). This means a total of 66,397 Bay Area retail outlets at the first of this year, or 2½ stores for every 100 residents. While the number of new store openings slowed down last year, better than two-thirds of 31 types of retail business, excepting luxury lines, showed new store gains. Another barometer to Bay Area business trends is the number of residents per retail store, ranging from 291 for meals and drinks to 713 for clothing.

OAKLAND CITY GOVERNMENT has already seen put into effect 30 of the changes recommended by the $30,500 municipal government reorganization report by Public Administration Service, City Manager Hassler has informed the City Council.

MUNI CARMEN'S WAGES in S. F. may go up 1½ cents an hour, due to the fact that the Los Angeles Transit Company has granted its workers a 4-cent-hourly increase. Under a provision in the S. F. city charter, Muni carmen get automatically a rate which is an average of the two highest rates in the State, which now would be the Los Angeles rate and Torrance Bus Company rate. Muni workers now get $1.484 per hour.

SALMON FISHERMEN operating boats out of ports from Santa Cruz to the Oregon line, are now getting 25 cents a pound for dressed live fish instead of the previous 29 cents, and are getting 21 cents for small fish instead of the previous 25 cents. Some 900 boats and 1800 fishermen, members of the CIO Fishermen's Union, was held up for two weeks in a dispute over the price.

WESLEY ROBBINS, lobbyist for the Board of Supervisors at Sacramento, is to be put off the payroll, effective June 30, for economy reasons, says Chairman of the Board Harry Bartell. Robbins has in the past been publicity man for the Republican State Central Committee.

WORKERS PER PLANT in Alameda county industries have increased 64 percent over 1939, a gain in which this county surpassed both Los Angeles and San Francisco, says Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

THEATER PICKETING can continue in Richmond so far as Superior Judge Benjamin Jones of Lake county, sitting in Martinez, is concerned. He refused an injunction to the Rio Theatre against picketing by Moving Picture Operators Local 560.

NEW UNIVERSITY REGENT was named by Governor Warren to take the place made vacant by the death of A. P. Giannini. He's L. M. Giannini, son of the deceased. Term expires March 1, 1950. **(Editor's Note: The Governor can of course say that he's merely doing the graceful thing, naming the son of the late banker to fill his father's unexpired term. But when is he going to name a labor man to the Board of Regents?)**

POSTAL CLERK John Walsh, who died in S. F. last September, aged 81, and who worked in the postoffice 35 years, left an estate valued at $114,994, appraisal filed in court showed. His maximum salary was $2100 a year, and he retired on a $1200 pension. "He made smart investments," said his daughter, Mrs. Frank Grimes. The estate goes to her and her three sisters.

GOVERNOR WARREN told the 41st annual Conference of Governors that he cannot agree with "those who say we are traveling down the wrong road" in developing social security and welfare programs. He said the real question is how far we can go along this road "and at the same time maintain an independence of spirit."

PACIFIC TELEPHONE attorneys told the State Public Utilities Commission that new higher rates are needed, so the company can show a profit of 7 percent, and attract investors, instead of the 5.6% profit the Commission had set in 1948 as a fair rate of return.

SENATOR JACK TENNEY in resigning the post as chairman of the State Senate's Un-American Activities Committee which he has held for ten years, said it would be a good thing for the Commies to have to work up a new smear on a new chairman. Senator Hugh Burns of Fresno takes the chairmanship, and says he won't heckle witnesses accused of being Commies, as there isn't very much learned from that operation. **(Editor's Note: Goodbye, Jack. Here's your hat, what's your hurry?)**

HARRY BRIDGES' CASE "will never be brought to trial," insisted the ILWU chief's attorney, Herbert Resner, when Bridges and his co-defendants in the naturalization perjury case pleaded not guilty beforre Federal Judge Roche in S. F. The case comes before Roche again September 1, before which time, Resner said, he will challenge the jurisdiction of the court, argue that the statute of limitations has voided the case, and attack the makeup of the Grand Jury which indicted the leftist union leader. Resner says that the "defendants' wires have been tapped, and the Government is going to have to admit it, or deny it."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC STRIKE vote is being taken by Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, with ballots returnable July 1, to be counted July 5, with a strike date—if authorized—to be set a few days later. J. J. Corcoran, brotherhood's general chairman in this area, says the dispute is over the number of brakemen and switchmen to be carried on long trains. The company claims it would be a strike against the "anti-featherbedding" amendment to the Full Crew Law adopted by the voters last November.

KEY SYSTEM BRIDGE TRAIN abandonment, and substitution of buses, with an East Bay transfer point near 40th and San Pablo, which has been discussed by the company, is protested by the Bay Area Transportation League in a complaint filed with the State Public Utilities Commission.

28 STRIKING SEAMEN of the cargo ship Eastwave, members of the Canadian Seamen's Union, have been sent home by bus from the Bay Area, following a ruling in Federal Judge Roche's court. Their union has been engaged in a controversy with the AFL Seafarers International Union which has caused strikes in various ports.

S. F. COOKS' UNION officer, Charles T. McDonough, has been named to the S. F. Civil Service Commission by Mayor Robinson for a six-year term beginning July 1. The position pays $100 a month, but is considered extremely important, owing to the large number of municipal employes under the board's jurisdiction. McDonough succeeds Attorney Harry K. Wolff, who held the post 17 years under three administrations. McDonough as a representative of his international union was active in settling the recent culinary strike in the East Bay.

HENRY SCHMIDT, ILWU officer who is a co-defendant with Harry Bridges in the naturalization perjury case, said on his return from Hawaii to face arraignment that the Hawaii plantation owners in their effort to break the stevedores' strike in the islands "have employed 100 to 150 so-called housewives to picket the pickets." Schmidt charges Joe Maldonado, member of Longshore Local 10, who suffered injuries in a fracas in Hawaii, with being an agent of the employers, sent to Hawaii to help break the strike. Maldonado says he is a right-wing member of the union and was sent out there by a union group to study the operations of leftists in the union.

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN Committee's scheme to investigate the schoolbooks of the nation has been protested by Congressman Nixon of California, a member of the comtee. Dr. George Pettitt of Berkeley, assistant to UC President Sproul, said: "We have 1,500,000 books in our library. To answer the committee's request we would have to send our library index which fills a whole room. The card index alone would fill a boxcar."

EMPLOYMENT INCREASE factories in the Bay Area to a slight extent during May was "almost entirely" due to increases in the canning industry, reports Paul Scharrenberg, State director of industrial relations.

OAKLAND TAX RATE would jump 45 cents if all the departmental budget requests were granted, says City Manager Hassler, who declares there will be a "lot of slashes" before the 1949-50 budget is finally adopted. The present rate, $2.71 per $100 assessed valuation, has been in effect for three years. The current fiscal year's budget is $15,266,029. The departmental requests for the new budget total $16,881,406.

"RIGHT TO WORK" arguments are answered by Robert W. Gilbert of Los Angeles, attorney for various AFL unions, in the June issue of the American Bar Association Journal. Gilbert argues "there is nothing in any decision of the High Court to justify the conclusion that a fundamental or constitutional right exists to refrain from joining a union." Quoting from various Supreme Court decisions in leading labor cases, Gilbert insists that "a hoped for job is not property guaranteed by the Constitution" and therefore "the diversion of it from a nonunion to a union worker is not an invasion of a fundamental right."

"THE COMMIE-LINE political minority in California CIO was handed another overwhelming defeat in a major local union," says Phil Murray's CIO News, California edition, in reporting the election of A. J. Reger as business agent of Oakland Steelworkers Local 1798 by a vote of 247 votes to 43 against Henry Billings. M. C. Ferrero, present business agent, declined to run for that post, but ran for membership on the executive board, and was defeated, the CIO paper says.

THE MURRAY PAPER quoted just above comments sarcastically on the ILWU's request that the CIO national office help it in the Bridges perjury case, saying that "apparently there's a time for using CIO and a time for abusing CIO."

5 BAY AREA NEWSPAPERS will pay an additional quarter of a million dollars annually to their employes in the editorial and commercial branches under the new contract with the CIO Newspaper Guild, estimates Guild Secretary Bob Brown. Twelve delegates from the local Guild will attend the national convention of the organization, opening June 27 in Columbus, O.

DR. R. J. BUNCHE of the United Nations staff, and famous as the successful mediator in the Palestine situation, will speak at Scottish Rite Auditorium in S. F. July 12. The Chamber of Commerce, the Council for Civic Unity, the Jewish Survey, and B'nai B'rith will sponsor the meeting. Dr. Bunche recently turned down a post as Assistant Secretary of State, and press reports said that his principal reason was that he felt that as a Negro he would encounter Jim Crow if he lived in Washington.

JACK HALL, "once a member of the right wing AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific," has had for some years what many consider astounding success in organizing Hawaii for the CIO-ILWU, writes Larry Davies in the N. Y. Times. Davies says that "even some employers look upon it as the natural result of a situation in which they say a segment of business and industry had failed to live up to the highest obligations in labor-management relations."

STANDARD OIL'S FIRING of 62 employes accused of strike violence is the subject of a hearing which began Tuesday before an NLRB examiner in Richmond. The discharged men are members of the CIO Oil Workers.

TWO BAY AREA MEN, the United Press discovered, have been listed by the Army as "unemployable" when the American Military Government asked if they could go to Germany on special assignments. The two are: President J. Paul Leonard of S. F. State College, and Alfred Frankenstein, the S. F. Chronicle art and music critic. The Army recently apologized to TVA Administrator Gordon Clapp for listing him as "unemployable" in similar circumstances. The Army said in that case it practically meant "unavailable." But all those so named are raising inquiries about the matter.

FIREMEN'S AND ENGINEMEN'S Brotherhood, independent, recently held its 13th annual Western convention at Hotel Leamington, with some 500 delegates attending from locals in California, Nevada, Utah, and Idaho.

HAIRCUTS FOR NEGROES are refused by some of the barber shops in Redwood City, charges Alphonse Thompson, 23, Negro war veteran, in damage suits filed against three shops. He asks $1000 damages from each shop. Jonathan Rowell, his attorney, has long been active in pressing racial minority issues. Frank Erney, secretary of the AFL Barbers Local 914, when informed of the suits, said in Redwood: "The union does not believe in discriminating."

LOWER TAX RATE for Berkeley is under consideration—a cutdown from $1.89 to $1.73, exclusive of school rates. In recommending the reduced budget, City Manager Ross Miller automatically denied the $25 per month flat salary increase asked by CIO United Public Workers.

FROZEN MEATS can be sold after butchers' hours and on Sundays, the Berkeley City Council has decided after listening to arguments on both sides. Barney Mays, technical advisor for the AFL Western Federation of Butchers, opposed the decision.

OPERATORS OF WAREHOUSES which have contracts with the AFL Warehousemen have been warned, S. F. Chronicle says, by Secretary Ted White, that if they try to handle business normally handled by the warehouses struck by CIO Warehouse Local 6, "they will be involved in a needless dispute."

150 EMPLOYING FIRMS are represented by the new waterfront setup called the Pacific American Maritime Association, which combines the old Waterfront Employers and the Pacific American Shipowners.

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Scholarship Won By Watchmaker for College at Oxford

The local labor movement has been honored in having an international labor scholarship bestowed upon George C. Allen, member of the Watchmakers Union, Local No. 101, International Jewelry Workers Union. The Alameda Central Labor Council shares in the honor of having a member of one of their affiliated unions selected for the Ruskin Labor Scholarship.

Through the Institute of International Education, the Ruskin Scholarship Award Committee of Oxford, England, selected Brother Allen as



GEORGE C. ALLEN

one of the five members of organized labor in the United States to attend the college for the coming year of 1949-50.

Ruskin College, located in Oxford, England, is the world famous workingmen's college that has trained trade union leaders for the British Labor Movement since 1890. John F. Shelley, President, California Sttae Federation of Labor; James Glasser, President, Watchmakers Union, Local No. 101; and Professor John Cornehlsen, Dean of Men, San Francisco State College, were the men who sponsored him in his candidacy in the nation-wide competition for the Ruskin Labor Scholarship.

A UNION ORGANIZER

Brother Allen has been working as a part-time organizer for the Watchmakers Union during his spare time and summer vacations while attending San Francisco State College. The year between his discharge from the U. S. Army Air Force and his entrance into college, George worked at the bench as a Watchmaker. We might add at this time that George has been working as an organizer for the Watchmakers Union under the direction of his father, George F. Allen, who is the Financial Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent of the Watchmakers Union.

George C. Allen, the winner of the scholarship, is majoring in Labor Economics at the San Francisco State College. Along with the time and study needed to obtain five "A's" in his subjects at State College this semester, George found time to take part in numerous college activities that show he has an inclination toward not only local affairs but international subjects as well. Working on behalf of the students of his college, George was a representative on the Executive Board of the Associated Students, at the same time he was the organizer of the National Student Association on the San Francisco State College Campus.

George represented San Francisco State College at the National Student Association's convention at the University of Wisconsin last summer. He has been chosen by the National Students Association to be the chairman of the Academic Freedom Discussion Group at the coming National Convention.

In international affairs he was the chairman of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization group of northern California and one of the leaders in World Student Relief affairs. The Ruskin Scholarship Award amounts to 200 pounds in English money which is equivalent to a little more than $800.00 in U. S. currency. The Scholarship grants approximately one year of study at Ruskin College in England.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Inasmuch as the scholarship does not provide for transportation between San Francisco and Oxford, England, the Executive Board of the Watchmakers Union, to which George belongs, is so proud of the fact that one of their members has been chosen for this International Labor Scholarship, they are recommending to the local union that a sum of money equal to the original Ruskin Scholarship Award be granted to their distinguished member to assist him in his undertaking.

The labor movement in the San Francisco Bay Area shares with the Watchmakers Union their pride in having one of the younger members of the local labor movement chosen for such a significant honor. Brother Allen is only 24 years of age.

The officials of the Watchmakers Union feel that the labor movement in general will reap the benefit of this scholarship in the future as they know George Allen's desire to serve the interests of labor.



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Bay Area Liberals Rally to Defense Of Trotskyite Vet

The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee has sent a press release to The Labor Journal, explaining it is a "national nonpartisan citizens group formed to win justice for James Kutcher, Purple Heart veteran, who lost both legs in combat in Italy and has now lost his job as a Veterans Administration clerk in Newark because of his political views. Following is the press release:

Concern with "genuine freedom of association and thought" was given by Dr. Alfred G. Fiske and eleven other members of the S. F. State College faculty as their reason for joining 105 faculty members of the University of Chicago in condemning the Dept. of Justice's action in the firing of James Kutcher, legless veteran, from his clerk's job with the Newark Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

Their statment said in part, "We think that doctrines of 'guilt by association' are inconsistent with genuine freedom of association and thought. Because we are concerned with both of these freedoms, we protest their denial in the case of James Kutcher."

Calling Kutcher's job "wholly routine" and therefore not one to "prejudice the interests of this country," the statement signed by the Chicago and San Francisco university read: "If there is no danger to these interests, American traditions of political liberty require that a man—particularly a wounded veteran, shall not suffer for his opinion alone."

All have signed a statement which says, "Although we do not necessarily subscribe to the political views of James Kutcher or his party, we believe he has the same right to hold them and a government job as he did when he lost his legs with the infantry during the war."

Professor Aaron Gordon, professor of economics at the University of California and one of the faculty members opposed to the proposed "loyalty oath" for U. S. instructors has been leading the protest on the Berkeley campus against the Veterans Administrataion treatment of James Kutcher.

From Mills College, Professor Lawrence Sears of the department of philosophy will speak on the Kutcher case at a meeting sponsored by the Americans for Democratic Action June 28 at the Berkeley YWCA.

(Editor's Note: As many of our readers know, the Socialist Workers Party of which Kutcher is a member is one of the Trotskyite factions. While the Trotskyites are of course Communists, they do not have back of them, as the Stalinists do, a powerful empire. There is accordingly a strong tendency, as indicated by the above statement of anti-Stalinist liberals, to feel that whatever is ultimately decided about the status of Stalinists in the United States, the Trotskyites at present constitute a mere ideological ferment, not a group of conspirators backed by a ruthless empire.)

New Editor Named For Cooperatives' Paper Published in Oakland

Associated Cooperator

Resignation of William J. Losh, editor of the Associated Cooperator for almost four years, was accepted by the directors of Associated Cooperatives at their May meeting. Joseph Gunterman, former associate editor, was named editor.

Losh offered his resignation in January, because of the press of other business, but was persuaded to stay on to advise the annual membership meeting and the directors in planning the future of the paper.

Losh was named editor in September, 1945, when the Associated Cooperator was a four-page paper, of approximately typewriter sheet size, with a circulation of 900. He expanded the paper to eight pages, expanded its news coverage and emphasized a broad, consumer appeal. Circulation rose to more than 8,000 and in January, 1947, the paper was expanded again, this time to tabloid size.

Gunterman had worked as associate editor with Losh since January, 1946.

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State Federation News Service

A combined attack has been launched by insurance carriers and employers to grab for themselves approximately $50,000,000 out of the $107,000,000 currently reserved for disability benefits. This sum of money has been made available as the result of employe contributions, and, obviously, should be returned to the employes in the form of benefits.

The Federation has strenuously resisted this attempted hijacking, pointing out that this measure amounts to outright thievery by the combined greedy and selfish interests of the most powerful employer and insurance forces in the state, who are showing a complete disregard of the right of workers to use for themselves their own disability contributions.

HELPS THE EMPLOYERS!

The lobbyists' attack is contained in **SB 377**, which was given a depass by the Senate Committee on Social Welfare on June 15 by a 5-2 vote. The two good votes were Kraft and Dillinger. The bad votes were Brown, Busch, Dilworth, Watson and Weybret. **SB 377** was before the Senate as this was written.

The measure, as amended, provides that the employes' contributions will be made available for additional merit ratings for employers, and will result in an annual decrease in unemployment insurance taxes of approximately $16,000,000 annually for employers.

BREED'S VOTE NOTED

In a sudden shift of opinion, the Senate, on June 20, overwhelmingly defeated, by a vote of 10-22, **SB 1533** (Rich), which would have taken away the prevailing wage basis for determining pay scales for casual workers or part-time employes of the state. Senator Breed of Oakland was among those favoring this attempt to decrease wages.

Murray Steamroller May Crush All Minorities, Is Local Labor Man's Fear

Gordon Haskell of Oakland, writing in Labor Action, national publication of the Independent Socialist League (Trotskyist) comments on the "smashing two-to-one victory for the forces representing national CIO policy over the Stalinists" in the Los Angeles CIO Council.

Haskell, who as a Trotskyite is opposed to the Stalinists, yet feels that the victory of the national CIO group, and the insistence that the local Councils carry out national CIO policies, "will serve to take away from local CIO Councils much of the reason for their existence. Further, it will go a long way toward making it impossible for any point of view which starts as a minority from ever being able to win a majority in the CIO."

RAISES QUESTIONS

Haskell continues:

"Let's say that some local union, after full discussion, comes to the conclusion that national CIO policy on political action is wrong. The local passes a resolution to that effect, with copies sent to its international and to the national CIO. Yet the delegates of this local cannot present this resolution for adoption in their city council. There they are compelled to vote for resolutions which are exactly the opposite of the one adopted by their local. They are not even permitted to abstain on such resolutions, nor to move to table them.

"Congressional elections are rolling around in 1950. One of the life-and-death questions of the labor movement is going to be the policy adopted on these elections. If a local has passed a resolution demanding the formation of an Independent Labor Party, or at least that locally the labor movement cease playing around with the Democratic Party, select labor candidates and run them as such—what are the delegates of this local going to do in the council? Will they vote to support some wardheeler whose record in the last Congress was 51 percent "pro-labor" as against some candidate whose record was only 30 percent "pro-labor"? Are they going back to their local and whoop it up for the membership to get out the vote for him?

"Most likely they just won't go to council meetings. Why should they? Why have a council which is bound, even against the will of possibly 95 percent of the local unions which are represented there, to carry out 'national CIO policies'? Isn't it enough to have an office of the regional director of CIO who is paid to carry them out?"

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Carpenters in Statement on Demand For $2.25 Per Hour Rate by June 27

The North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters has sent a press release from its Eureka headquarters to The Labor Journal headed "Carpenters Terminate Contract with Associated General Contractors: Demand $2.25 per Hour Rate by June 27 Deadline or No Work." Following is the release:

Negotiations between the Brotherhood of Carpenters of the forty-two Northern California counties and the Associated General Contractors of California ended in deadlock. The negotiations were held in Sacramento June 9 with representatives of the Northern and Central California District Councils present. State Council President Joseph Cambiano headed the union delegation.

The negotiations were resumed at 10:30 a. m. and after an all day and evening session no agreement could be reached. Finally at 11 p. m., the contractors proposed that they would recede from their request for a 12½ cent an hour wage cut if the union would withdraw its request for a 12½ cent wage boost. President Cambiano then asked if that was all they had to propose. The contractors replied in the affirmative which was followed by the union representatives stating, "Gentlemen, we are through" and walked out.

NEW SCALE $2.25

Immediately following the breakdown of negotiations and the terminating of their agreement with the A. G. C., the Sacramento and Solano Counties District Councils notified all contractors that on and after June 16, 1949, the wage scale for all Carpenters would be $2.25 per hour or no work. This action was followed by the calling of a special executive board meeting of the North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters in Fort Bragg on June 11 and the taking of the following action:

June 12, 1949

To: Local Unions Affiliated With The N. C. Dist. Council of Carpenters.
Greetings:

At the Executive Board meeting held in Fort Bragg Saturday, June 11, 1949, action was taken re: Negotions between the Northern and Central Chapters of the A. G. C., and the Carpenters of the forty-two northern counties, held in Sacramento June 9. As no agreement was reached, the Council requests that you call a special meeting at once and take action on the recommendation of the Council.

That you notify all contractors in your jurisdiction that on and after June 27, 1949, the scale for Carpenters will be $2.25 per hour, and that all working conditions will be governed by local and district council's by-laws and trade rules. Also, that you designate two brothers of your local, preferably your chairman and business agent, to work in conjunction with the Council's Strike Policy Committee in "forcing" our demands.

Fraternally,
North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters
William Chamberlain, Secretary

OAKLAND BOOSTS CITED

In the meantime it is interesting to glance at other sections of the country and how the Carpenters are making out in their demands for increased wages. A strike of 7,000 Carpenters in Philadelphia lasted only a week and won a 15 cent hourly wage boost from $2.25 to $2.40. Carpenters in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, have just signed a new contract calling for a 20 cent hourly wage increase after a settlement announced by the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

In Oakland, Calif., right here at home Plasterers' Local No. 112 has just put in effect a 6-hour day at $3.00 an hour, the old rate being $2.50; and Hod Carriers and Laborers' Local No. 166 has won a 40 cent hourly wage boost, bringing their new scale to $2.65.

Yet the Associated Contractors argue and quibble over the Carpenters' request for a 12½ cent boost from the present low scale of $2.12½ cents.

Holland Roberts, Sidney Roger, Corliss Lamont, Labor School Chorus

Dr. Holland Roberts, educational director of the California Labor School, and Sidney Roger, radio commentator for the pro-Bridges Councils of the CIO, spoke Tuesday evening at the Fellowship of Humanity building, 411 28th street, on "A Citizens' Call to Peace."

Sunday Roberts spoke, and was followed by a performance of the chorus from the California Labor School. At that meeting a committee of five was appointed to go see the editor of the Oakland Tribune and protest an article run by the Knave Wednesday of last week.

These programs, and the one scheduled for July 11, with Corliss Lamont's recorded speech, "Humanism as a Philosophy," to be featured, are put on by the faction of the Fellowship of Humanity which was engaged for some time in a struggle in Superior Court with another group of the Fellowship which alleged that Commies and fellow-travelers were taking over the Fellowship of Humanity.

(Editor's Note: Holland Roberts, California Labor School chorus, Sidney Roger, Corliss Lamont! AFL readers are asked to make their own comment, and to add salt and pepper to suit taste.)

Oakland Landlord, Unionist, Debate

The CIO News, California edition, which supports the national CIO policies as opposed to the Harry Bridges line, reports the following:

The other side of the rent decontrol story was presented by a landlord spokesman recently to the Alameda County Committee for National CIO. C. H. McCaslin, president of the Oakland Apartment House Owners' Assn., urged ending of rent ceilings as a means to provide more work for building trades labor and maintained that new construction and increased competition "automatically" would prevent rentals from going sky-high. He was challenged on both points by CIOers.

McCaslin's case for ending Federal rent regulations:

"Rent control is helping to keep thousands of working people out of jobs. It is interfering with the free flow of trade. It keeps us from doing the repairs that should be done.

"The number of rental places is going down—and rent control is not helping but making matters worse. If controls end, some rents would go sky-high, some would go up moderately and some would stay where they are. But there would be a rush of capital to build new houses and to restore competition.

"I don't care what happens to the gougers—but I don't think the 90 percent of us who are decent people should suffer as a result."

In reply, Tom Driver of UAW-CIO Local 76, declared the average worker with a family can not afford to pay $75 or $100 a month in rent. He pointed out the overall cost of labor is up 33 percent since 1939, while presently uncontrolled rentals are up 125 percent.

"It is safe and sound and just," Driver declared, "in asking the Federal Government to continue rent controls until housing gets down to a reasonable level. Ninety-five percent of the working men absolutely can't afford to pay present rents, let alone increased rents. Labor can't pay the price!"

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Marine Engineers' Pact Declared Big Labor Peace Gain

Omar Hoskins, conciliator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service has issued a statement on behalf of the CIO National Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and the Pacific Maritime Association

"Stability in West coast maritime labor relations moved up a notch when licensed engineer officers signed a two year, no-strike, no-lockout contract with employers, running to June 15, 1951.

"The long-term pact, added to four other such contracts signed last year, brings to 81 percent the total of West coast maritime workers covered by two year 'no-strike, no-lockout insurance.'"

A joint union-management statement said: "From the standpoint of its labor relations, the industry has never before been in such a favorable position to render uninterrupted steamship service."

Major issue solved satisfactorily to both parties was the employment clause. Negotiators for the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association were seeking a strengthening of the clause for added union security. Employers sought preservation of their right to select licensed officers who carry out the responsibilities of management at sea.

The compromise clause in the new agreement recognizes the MEBA as the sole bargainer for engineer officers but gives employers the absolute right to select chief and first assistant engineers so long as they are members in good standing of MEBA. It also requires non-MEBA members employed now or in the future to join the union in 30 days or at the end of a pending voyage which ever is later.

For lower classifications, employers agreed to draw on union offices for replacements. But replacements must be qualified for the job being filled and employers have the right to select men considered by them to be capable. Rejections by employers are to be worked out between the union and the company and will be arbitrated under the contract machinery if necessary.

All classifications will receive a 1.56 percent basic wage increase and a $7.50 clothing allowance. Four cents per hour is added to the rate for overtime and three cents for night relief work. Other minor wage adjustments were made in certain jobs.

YWCA Summer Program

All East Bay families are invited to share in the summer program of the Oakland YWCA, six weeks from June 20 to July 30 when classes will be offered for boys 6 to 10 in addition to those for their sisters and mothers.

Signups started June 1, and physical examinations are required before taking sports such as swimming, tennis or horseback riding. Children's swim classes will meet twice a week, and youngsters will have games and rhythmics included on their summer term tickets.

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Barbara Hachmann Backed By AFL for Queen of The Alameda County Fair

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BARBARA HACHMANN

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She is Miss Barbara Hachmann, daughter of Clarence Hachmann, member of Plumbers 444, and niece of Peter Claverie, member of the Teamsters.

Miss Hachmann entered the contest sponsored by Livermore Unit No. 47, American Legion Auxiliary.

Books of tickets are available at the offices of the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council in the new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street. Stubs of the tickets must be back by 1 p.m. June 27, so they will be available for counting.

Winner of the contest gets a trip to Hollywood, in addition to presiding over the County Fair as Queen.

Estimated 34,000 Jobless in County

State Govt. Release

The number of jobless persons in Alameda County is estimated to be 34,400, a decrease of 2,000 from the preceding month. However, there were 8,900 more persons looking for work in May than in the same month a year ago.

Claims for unemployment insurance and servicemen's readjustment benefits declined from a weekly average of 25,493 in April to 24,078 in May.

There has been an increasing concern in the community regarding unemployment among older workers. In April, a sample of 239 newly unemployed commercial workers was taken from the files of one Oakland office. This showed that 115 persons, or 48 percent of the total, were over 35 years of age. The industry group most heavily represented was wholesale and retail trade which was affected by reorganization and seasonal declines.

Legless Vet Fired In 'Loyalty' Probe Talks Here June 28

ADA Press Release

"The Case of the Legless Veteran" will feature a public meeting in Berkeley concerned with the federal loyalty program and civil rights next Tuesday evening, June 28, it was announced jointly by Lloyd H. Fisher, president of the East Bay Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, and Wallace Atherton, acting chairman of the U. C. Chapter of Students for Democratic Action.

The two organizations are sponsoring the meeting which will be held at 8 p.m. at the YWCA Cottage on Allston Way and Union Street. James Kutcher, the legless veteran, and Professor Laurence Sears of Mills College will be the speakers.

James Kutcher lost both legs in combat in Italy. Last October he was discharged from a clerical position in the Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party, a marxian but anti-Stalinist group, declared subversive by the Attorney General. A National Kutcher Civil Rights Committee has been formed to assist Kutcher in revoking his dismissal and in obtaining a public hearing at which he can clear his name.

The Committee states, "Although we do not subscribe to Mr. Kutcher's political views, we believe that this victimized veteran has the same rights to hold them and a government job as he did when he lost his legs with the infantry during the war." The American Legion's National Americanism Commission says: "Kutcher, the legless vet, lost both legs in Italy. His job in the VA was definitely non-confidential . . . The Kutcher case is therefore an almost perfect example of bureaucratic bungling in how not to handle a doubtful loyalty case."

Kutcher will also address rallies in Oakland on June 27 and in San Francisco on July 6, and has been invited to speak before a number of labor groups. He will be in the Bay Area for two weeks beginning June 24. Among national organizations endorsing Kutcher's fight for reinstatement are ADA, American Civil Liberties Union, and a large number of labor unions from both the AFL and CIO. A Bay Area Defense Committee has been formed to handle speaking arrangements for him while he is in this region.

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Congressman Allen Decides to 'Take Most of the Credit' on Shipyard Issue

Following is Congressman John J. Allen's letter to his constituents dated June 13:

We seem to have slowed down on our side of the Capitol. Many letters express that feeling. We have not accomplished much. Most depressing is the lack of hope for change in the immediate future.

Day by day, however, we have been rather busy. On June 8 the House passed a bill to reorganize certain agencies of government, particularly for the procurement, use and disposal of government property. This is the third bill following the recommendations of the Hoover Commission. The House passed the necessary general legislation suggested by the Commission on February 7. That bill was considered by the Senate and passed with amendments, to which the House has not yet agreed.

The Senate insists that no reorganization should proceed unless both Houses approve. There is much merit in this position, inasmuch as reorganization may involve legislation and the Constitution provides that legislation be approved by both Houses.

However, Mr. Hoover, President Truman, and the Republican Members in the Conference, while preferring the House version in this respect, are willing to concede to the Senate, in order that progress may be made. Mr. Truman advised the Commission that he had in preparation, ready and waiting, several reorganization plans to submit to the Congress as soon as the reorganization act should become law. It was charged on the floor that the Democrats in the Conference would not make any concession and were thereby holding up the legislation.

The reason charged is highly political. So long as the basic legislation is not passed the various bureaus may submit their own legislation for reorganization of their respective departments. Such legislation will follow the Hoover recommendations in part and the proponents will claim for it that it is in accordance with the Hoover recommendation. Much, however, that the Hoover Commission wished to accomplish and which might cut down the size and power of the bureaus will be omitted.

Possibly some of the House leadership has a greater desire to be friendly with the Departments which often help politically than to follow the recommendations of either the Hoover Commission or President Truman.

The hearings started on the bill for the allocation of ship construction on which I have been working for over a year. The effort has been considerable, and I am pleased to say has succeeded in its purpose to focus the attention of the Merchant Marine Committee upon the rapidly disappearing industry on the Pacific Coast and to furnish a basis upon which the Committee might act in bringing about some revitalization. At the hearings the views of the Maritime Commission, of the National Military Establishment, of the Metal Trades Department, AFL, and of interested members of Congress was expressed.

Out of the hearings should come a complete record of the material facts, the development of a policy under which the industry may be kept alive and the fixing of the responsibility for carrying out such a policy. I can take most of the credit for this one.

We passed the legislative appropriation bill and a bill to increase the allowance to each office of clerks and telephone service. The service to the constituents should be a little better next year. One estimate was that the clerical staff of a Congressman averages from 12 to 14 hours a day on the job, often 6 days a week. My staff is dubious. They think it is not over 55 hours a week on the average.

There were few visitors. The Ginochios from Temescal dropped in on their way to New York en route to Italy. Susie will arrive from home this week.

Regards,

JOHN J. ALLEN, JR.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Allen, speaking of his bill for allocation of ship construction, says in the above letter: "I can take most of the credit for this one." For that particular bill, his own baby, yes. But as for the efforts made by Mr. Allen and Mr. Degges, the Washington correspondent of the Oakland Tribune, to claim for Mr. Allen full credit for efforts to have shipbuilding allocated to the Pacific Coast, that is preposterous. Mr. Degges implied in a recent Sunday dispatch that other Bay Area Congressmen had been rather inert on this. Every AFL man knows that Congressman Dick Welch of San Francisco, to name a Republican, since Mr. Allen is a Republican, did heroic work on this long before Mr. Allen ever got into Congress, and Dick Welch is still at it. Mr. Allen can't hope to offset his voting for the Taft-Hartley Law with the claim that he discovered the shipbuilding issue.)

Bakers and Teamos May Launch Bakery

Associated Cooperatives, Inc.

A lock-out in New York City's baking industry has produced plans for a cooperative bakery. Now in its fifteenth week, the lock-out is in effect at six major baking companies, responsible for ten million loaves of bread per week. Four thousand workers in Local 50 of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America AFL and Local 550 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters AFL are affected.

On June 7 and 8 the city's newspapers and radio stations carried the news that officers and organizers of the two unions had decided to set up a co-op bakery. To sparkplug the project they called in the Council for Cooperative Development. S. F. Boden, CDD's eastern regional director, is now working with the unions' Cooperative Organizing Committee.

Plans are to work out technical details of starting the bakery first and then invite in other unions which have already expressed their interest and desire to help. The bakery would be a consumer cooperative, with both block and individual memberships.

Whether the strike is settled or not, the two unions want the co-op as a pilot plant and yardstick for the industry. They are particularly interested in proving that a five-day week is feasible in a six-day operation, and in improving the quality of bread.

Presidents of the two union locals involved are Joseph Clark of Local 550 and Richard Dwyer of Local 50. Herman Cooper, attorney for both unions, is also leading the project.

Oregon AFL Backs Teachers in Fight To Build Up Union

J. T. Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, has put out a leaflet defending "The Right of Teachers to Be Members of Teachers Unions," telling of the firing of a teacher because, Marr believes, the said teacher belonged to the union. Prefacing his account of the case, Marr says:

The right of public school teachers to be members of Teachers' Unions would seem to be a right that should not be questioned. In a few cities of the United States in past years attempts were made to deny this right, but in every case that has come to our attention that right was won. Reports occasionally are received of cases in which the right is not openly denied but in which school authorities attempt to discourage membership of teachers in unions, and rather pointedly insist that teachers should become members of other teacher organizations which are not associated with organized labor.

SUBTLE COERCION

A superior in a school system—a superintendent, a principal or one in some other supervisory or administrative capacity—by suggestion may exercise coercion on teachers who are subordinates. The difference between this and outright denial of the right of the teacher is but one of degree. The purpose of this pamphlet is to state the position of the Oregon State Federation of Labor on this subject and to let it be known to teachers and others who may be interested that the Federation defends the teachers' rights in this respect. This is a defense of the schools as well as of the teachers. If the public schools are to serve the purpose for which the system was organized and is conducted, there must be freedom for the teachers.

The apparent need for this pronouncement arose out of an incident in the Portland school system—an incident in which a probationary teacher was dismissed under circumstances indicating that his dismissal was due to his incurring the displeasure of his principal by joining the Portland Teachers' Union. The official record of the case strongly supports the charge made by the teacher involved, so the State Federation of Labor undertook the teacher's defense as a duty which organized labor owes to the public schools.

JOHN DEWEY BELONGS

Before proceeding with the history of the case, it may be said for the information of persons not familiar with the Teachers' Union, that the national organization which charters local teacher unions is the American Federation of Teachers, an organization of teachers of high professional standards. It has in its membership some of the most distinguished educators in the nation, among them being Dr. John Dewey, one of the great philosophers of our period, who has taught in some of the nation's foremost institutions of learning. Members of local unions in cities of the United States stand out as the most alert teachers in their respective systems. Their professional standards are not surpassed by those of any other school organization.

In the following pages we present the records in the case arising in Portland and continue with the Federation's procedure in securing a statement of policy which seems to assure that there will not be a repetition in the Portland school system of the incident which is here described.

Substandard Wages Cited In Plan to Congress

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The "cruel plight of 125 seamless hosiery workers in Port Huron, Mich. highlights absolute need for speedy action on legislation to raise minimum wages to at least 75c an hour," Textile Workers Union of America-CIO representative John Edelman points out.

He's told Chairman John Lesinski (D, Mich.) of the House Labor Committee the story of the employes of J. L. Fead & Co. in Republican Congressman Jesse Wolcott's home town, who are faced with a wage reduction from 61c to 51c an hour. Workers will strike if the offer isn't raised before June 24th.

Warns Against ECA Cut

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul Hoffman warned a tight-fisted Senate Appropriations Committee that the talked-of $1,000,000,000 cut in this year's ECA appropriations would "wreck" the European recovery program.



JOINS THE FAIR DEAL TEAM—Representative Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. (D, N. Y.) is congratulated by House Majority Leader John W. McCormack after being sworn in to his new post. With him is his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The late President's famous son delivered a smashing defeat to Tammany to win his Congressional seat.—(LPA)

More Than 500 S. F. Apprentices Will Graduate in Mass Ceremony July 19

S. F. Labor-Mgt. Committee

More than 500 San Francisco apprentices in 39 different trade classifications will receive journeymen ratings in public mass graduation ceremonies at San Francisco Civic Auditorium July 19.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Labor Management Committee, the ceremonies will mark the first such mass graduation of apprentices there since before the war.

According to William J. Varley, executive manager of the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association, and general chairman of the 1949 apprentice graduation committee, the main address will be delivered by a nationally prominent industrial leader and presentation of diplomas will be followed by a ball for the graduates in the Civic Auditorium.

PURPOSE OF CEREMONY

"Purpose of this mass graduation of apprentices," Mr. Varley said, "is public recognition of an important contribution to our expanding economy by these young craftsmen who have successfully completed an exacting education, and who will furnish industrial leadership in the years to come."

"The apprentice training program," Mr. Varley said, "is a perfect illustration of how government, labor and industry can and do work together in San Francisco and cooperate successfully for the community good.

The training of these young men—most of them veterans—to fill the needs of a growing city for more skilled craftsmen could not have been accomplished, except through this teamwork of representation from labor, management and government," he said.

J. L. Hogg, president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, AFL, is serving as general vice chairman of the apprentice graduation committee.

NOTED LABOR NAMES

Members of the honorary committee include:

Dr. Herbert C. Clish, superintendent of schools; Daniel Del Carlo, secretary of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, AFL; Carl Gellert, president of the Associated Home Builders; George C. Loorz, vice president of the Northern Chapter of Associated General Contractors; Captain B. E. Manseau, commander of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard; Archie J. Mooney, chief of the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards; Henry E. North, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; Tom Rotell, secretary of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Association; John F. Shelley, president of the California State Federation of Labor, and Art B. Smith, president of the Central Chapter of Associated General Contractors.

Mr. Varley also announced the following special committees have been set up to organize the apprentice graduation:

Finance committee—Charles J. Foehn, chairman and L. R. Steinberg, vice chairman; Publicity committee—Milton Morris, chairman, and Joseph O'Sullivan, vice chairman; Program committee — Al Brandhofer, chairman, and Joseph Mazza, vice chairman; Participation committee — George Quinn, chairman, and Louis Douat, vice chairman; Auditorium committee—J. L. Hogg, chairman, and Richard Wendelt, vice chairman.

Pro-Labor Governor in Michigan Cheered by AFL

JACKSON, Mich. (LPA) — "We have just begun to fight!" That promise, made by Governor G. Mennen Williams, brought down the house at the 60th annual convention here of the Michigan State Federation of Labor.

Williams, elected last November on the Democratic ticket, reported on the record of the Republican-controlled legislature, which has just wound up its sessions.

The governor charged that GOP bosses cracked the whip on members of their party and forced them to vote not only against nearly all major bills proposed by the Democrats, but even against measures which the last Republican state convention had pledged itself to support.

As a result, he said, "the legislators went home with no action taken on such vital issues as housing, public utility rates, fair employment practices, the prison system, and a farm marketing assistance program." Also, by failing to enact a proper tax program, the legislature left the state $70,000,000 in the hole, Williams said.

A few good measures were enacted, he added. These included slight improvements in workmen's and unemployment compensation laws; boost in old age pensions to the needy; and a few improvements in the Bonine-Tripp anti-labor law. But on orders of "a little group of wilful men" commanding the Republican party, most of the important bills were smothered, Williams charged.

He announced he would call the legislature back into special session and make a new fight for those bills.

"We are not defeated," he said. "The reckoning has only been postponed. On the great issues which affect the lives of all the people there will be no retreat."

Ralph Wright Praises Heroic History of Labor In State of Colorado

U. S. Govt. Release

TRINIDAD, Colo.—The struggle of Colorado labor for the right to organize and bargain collectively was reviewed by Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright in an address before the 54th annual convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor here.

"Many of your 53 years were difficult," he said. "The struggle for a decent standard of living and better working conditions were at times bloody and costly. You are to be commended for your efforts and the results you have achieved.

Wright declared that the struggle for free and democratic trade unionism must nevertheless continue. "Today the battle is for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law," he said. "This issue is now squarely and peaceably drawn in Washington."

He added that the battle for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act "is the same battle that your organization was waging in 1896." The Assistant Secretary emphasized that the battle for decent and fair labor legislation is the very core of the fight for better working conditions and living standards.

"Labor must be alert and vigilant if it is to retain hard-won gains," he continued. Wright also pointed out that in spite of much propaganda to the contrary, labor has not grown as strong and powerful since enactment of the Wagner Act as its enemies claim. "On the other hand," he said, "between 1939 and 1948, corporate profits, after taxes, rose 394 percent, while average weekly wages in manufacturing rose only 222.8 percent. Labor's share of the total national income, therefore, was less in 1948 than in 1938."

Dave Beck's Paper Says Court Backs His Boeing Policy

Dave Beck's paper, the Washington Teamster, in a recent issue ran page one headlines: "Machinists' Strike Ruled Illegal: Teamsters' Position at Boeing Sustained." Following is the opening portion of the story over which the headlines ran:

Thousands of Union Teamsters, members of Aeronautical Workers and Warehousemen's Local 451, AFL, cheered the news that the three judge Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D. C. had administered a smashing blow to the Machinists and the NLRB in a decision holding the long Boeing strike to have been unlawful.

The appeals court also ruled that Machinists Local 751 had lost all bargaining rights at the Boeing plant.

Meanwhile, Local 451 business representatives and executive board were receiving scores of new applications for membership from former 751 members employed at the plant. These people had been waiting the court decision, many of them in the forlorn hope that they would receive large sums in back pay if the decision favored 751. That hope has now been definitely dispelled; none of the 751 people will be able to collect back pay for an illegal strike.

The seniority claims of the former union also have been thrown into the discard. As of the effective date of the decision, the Boeing company is under no labor agreement, for the 751 leadership violated and thereby lost its contract rights.

The long fight which the Teamsters Union undertook against the outlaw organization, to protect the rights of thousands of working men and women whose employment was threatened permanently by the illegal strike, has ended exactly as the Teamster Union leadership predicted. The Teamsters will continue to represent the members of Local 451, and to accept applications for membership.

There is one possible future court development. The NLRB may decide to appeal to the United States Supreme Court. In that event the final decision may be postponed for several months. That the NLRB will not appeal, however, from the three judge decision is the general opinion among legal counsel who are in close touch with the matter.

(Editor's Note: The Labor Journal publishes the above from Beck's paper as a matter of news, just as it published the criticism of Beck's actions in the Boeing affair which were uttered by the Washington State Federation of Labor and various AFL unions which contended that Beck was acting the part of a strikebreaker against the Machinists in the Boeing strike.)

2,000,000 Workers On May's Building Jobs, BLS Reports

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Construction contractors had over 2 million employes at work in mid-May, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

This is an increase of 73,000 over the revised April estimate, but was 42,000 under the May 1948 figure. For the first time in almost 4 years contract construction employment failed to show a gain when compared with the same month in the year before.

Regional estimates of construction employment, available through mid-April only, indicate noteworthy gains in the West South Central States this year over last. In the Middle Atlantic and Mountain States, construction contractors reported a higher monthly level of employment this year, but they were adding workers at a slower rate than in the spring of 1948.

The Middle Atlantic and East North Central States continued to lead in the number of workers employed by construction contractors, accounting for 21 and 18 percent respectively, of the U. S. total in April.

The most important expenditure increases occurred in private nonfarm home-building and public construction, accounting together for nearly three-fourths of the $200-million rise from April.

Construction activity in May, as measured by the value of new work put in place, increased 15 percent from April.

Old Sailors Win

NEW YORK (LPA)—The veterans of the sea who live at the home for retired seamen—Sailors Snug Harbor—on Staten Island will not have to sign away their pensions in order to stay at the Harbor, thanks to the maritime unions here. The unions raised cain when the trustees issued the order to the old men to sign "property agreements" as payment for room and board, and joined with the New York Attorney General to force the trustees to back down.

More of Us

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Population of the U. S. reached a new high of 148,527,000 on April 1, according to the Census Bureau. Reflecting the same trend for last year, the growth in the first three months of 1949 was nearly 600,000.

California Commies Issue Statement On Jailing of 3 in Top Reds' Trial

The Communist Party of California has put out the following release from its office, 701 Garfield building, San Francisco:

The National Committee of the Communist Party has released a verbatim account of the actual refusal to provide stool pigeon information which led to the jailing of three of the 11 defendants in the present trial of the leaders of the Party in New York, on charges of advocacy of the principles of Marxism-Leninism.

The national committee simultaneously charged that the purpose of these jailings "is to deny all eleven Communist defendants any opportunity to present their case; to bring the trial to a quick end; and to secure a frame-up conviction at all cost." Commending the strong stand taken by the three in demonstrating their refusal to give information about others, the National Committee stated that all eleven defendants would now be in jail had they not been warned against the provocation by Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Party who is acting as his own attorney.

JOHN GATES' ATTITUDE

John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, refused to list the names of associates on the national veterans' commission and in other Party activities because "It would degrade me in the eyes of my associates and the labor movement, in the eyes of the public, and in the eyes of the jury to act as a common stool pigeon to give you such other information as you desire."

He went on to state. "I don't want to have on my conscience the fact that any human being would lose his means of livelihood or even his life because of any such information as I might give you in response to your question, and I invoke my rights under the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution not to answer that question any further."

JUDGE MEDINA'S ACTION

For this refusal, Judge Medina sentenced Mr. Gates to thirty days for contempt of court. When two other defendants protested the judge's action, their bail was revoked by the judge and they were remanded to jail for the remainder of the trial. These were Henry Winston, national organizational secretary of the Communist Party, and leader of the Negro people, and Gus Hall, head of the Party in Ohio, previously a steel worker and steel union organizer.

This action has aroused a wave of angry protest throughout the country, with thousands of wires and telegrams deluging Judge Medina, demanding that the three men be released and that the defense be allowed to present its case fully and adequately. Among those issuing protests are Henry Wallace, the heads of the west coast Progressive Party organizations, Hugh Bryson of California, and Russell Fluent of Washington, and scores of local labor and civic leaders.

(Editor's Note: We have been following with great care the daily reports in the New York Times of the trial of the 11 top Commies, and certainly have gained the impression that Dick Gladstein of the Bay Area and the other lawyers for the defense have been jumping that poor Judge through the fiery hoops, trying his patience in every way. Nevertheless, to be frank, and with no disrespect for the Court, we must confess we were a little taken aback when after taking what seemed all sorts of insults from the defendants and the attorneys, Judge Medina suddenly cracked down drastically on three of the comrades. In the interest of fair play—for which we of course will get no credit from the Commie gang,—we run the above statement from the CP of Calif.)

Congress Opening Probe Of Price of Gasoline

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A long-promised investigation of gasoline prices is opening in Congress this week.

Senator Burnet R. Maybank (D., S. C), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, has announced that his group will hear testimony from the American Automobile Association and Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. on June 27. A string of defense witnesses from various other subsidiaries of Standard Oil are expected to appear.

They will be asked why gas prices were recently raised at a time when:

1—Prices of other commodities were softening.

2—There were plentiful supplies of oil.

3—Cut-backs were being made in oil production and in oil imports.

4—The profits of the oil industry during 1948 were more than 2½ times as high as in 1946.

A preliminary report by the staff of the Senate Banking Committee was released last week. "If there is one fairly sure way of spiraling this country into a business setback substantially greater than has already occurred," the report stated, "this sure way would seem to be offered by the policy of restricting production in order to hold up prices."

The probe of gas prices has been expected ever since the last east coast boost on April 2. AAA called attention at that time to conditions in the oil industry which, it said, would seem to indicate a price cut rather than a boost.

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Union Label Week Set for September 3d Through 10th

AFL Union Label Dept.

"I urge every branch of the American Federation of Labor and Women's Auxiliaries to observe Union Label Week, September 3rd through the 10th," said I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department, which sponsors that period which has been approved by the American Federation of Labor as a week set aside for publicizing Union Labels, Shop Cards, and Union Buttons.

"Here is an opportunity," Ornburn declared, "to initiate a drive for union products and union services that is geared to our all-time pattern of Union Label activities. Let's celebrate this week, over Labor Sunday and Labor Day, by a genuine old-fashioned revival spirit. Let's devote the whole week to our great cause and prove to consumers that the Union Label guarantees the highest quality and best craftsmanship in merchandise and also that the Shop Card and Union Button assure the greatest proficiency in services.

"The general purpose of Union Label Week is to create a better understanding of what the American Federation of Labor has done to build America and what its future program will mean for all citizens," he added, "and by an educational drive during the 8-day period greater good will can be established with the public. Governors of states and mayors of numerous cities have already issued proclamations. Business and professional men should be invited to participate in making Union Label Week an outstanding event in every city and community."

New Radio, Television Stations Create Jobs For Many Hundreds

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hundreds of technicians and other workers will be taken on during 1949 by the 100-odd new television stations expected to go on the air this year. Several thousand will be hired by new AM and FM stations. Competion for jobs will generally be keen. Positions with networks pay most and will be hardest to get; those with small stations pay least and will be easiest to obtain.

Technicians are perhaps in the best position of all the major occupational groups. Men with operating experience will be needed by new stations, and those especially trained in television operating will be increasingly in demand as more and more TV stations go on the air. On the other hand, there are many men with the required Federal Communications Commission licenses but no experience in broadcasting who may have trouble finding jobs, especially in large communities.

These conclusions are based on a study made by the Occupational Outlook Service of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with the Veterans' Administration. The report discusses the employment outlook in radio and television broadcasting in each of the 48 states. It has been published as Bulletin No. 958 of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Outlook in Radio and Television Broadcasting Occupations." Copies may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. for 30 cents.

The broadcasting industry has from 40,000 to 45,000 full-time employes, of whom more than a third are in program departments. Announcers are much the largest group of program employes. Among the other smaller groups of program employes are writers, musicians, and news personnel. Only about 200 to 300 singers and actors have full-time jobs with stations and networks, but several thousand of them work on a free-lance basis, mainly in New York and Los Angeles.

Belgians Quit WFTU

BRUSSELS (LPA)—The 600,000-member Belgian Federation of Labor (FGTB) last week quit the World Federation of Trade Unions. Representatives to a special national convention voted nine to one to leave the Communist-dominated body and to participate in forming a new democratic international labor federation. WFTU's opposition to the Marshall plan for Eureopean recovery was cited by the Belgians as one of the main reasons for their decision.

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State Federation Convention Call!

State Federation News Service

The Convention Call for the 1949 Convention of the California State Federation of Labor was issued on June 15 to all affiliated unions. The convention will be held in the Shrine Civic Auditorium, Los Angeles, August 29 through September 2 or 3, 1949.

Last year's convention, with a record attendance of 2,000 delegates, gave labor in California an historic and monumental occasion upon which to organize and direct its campaign for political action in the 1948 elections.

In the forthcoming convention, this campaign of political action must be continued and strengthened, and the convention must shape policies and make decisions of far-reaching importance on many matters.

In the light of what is taking place in both Washington, D. C., and in Sacramento, it will have to lay definite plans for the 1950 Congressional and state elections.

SERIOUS PROBLEMS

The uncertainty of present economic trends and the increased unemployment throughout the State must also be faced and reckoned with. Experience has taught us that, during times such as this, only strong and aggressive union policies can protect both organized and unorganized workers from the severe economic and legal pressures to which they are subjected. This convention must therefore formulate a vigorous, statewide policy on union organization and collective bargaining. Only in this way can we meet with confidence whatever critical situation the future may hold.

FULL DELEGATIONS!

For these reasons, and in order that the decisions of the convention may be well-conceived and representative of the aims and desires of labor throughout the state, we urge every affiliated organization to send delegates, who on their return, will fully explain the nature of the convention decisions to the membership of their respective locals and assist in carrying them out during the coming critical year.

In connection with the convention, all unions are urged to return to the Federation office:

1—the original and duplicate authorized delegates forms; and
2—the dupliciate delegate's credential form.

This material should reach the Federation office as soon as possible for processing for the printer, and in any case cannot be accepted after August 20.

Resolutions should be presented in triplicate and should also be sent in as early as possible; in any case, they cannot be accepted after August 24, 1949.

Further details concerning the convention are included in the Call.

Farm Labor Camps Bill is Urged in Haggerty Letter

State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty has sent the following letter to California Congressmen:

I am writing you again on HR 4009, the low-rent public housing measure, because I know that the passage of this bill is of extreme concern to the millions of AFL workers in this state. We are convinced that every family should and must have decent and adequate homes so that adults and children alike may have a fair opportunity to work and live productively in our great democracy.

We are concerned with urban housing and with rural housing too, and feel that the Committee amendment to HR 4009 will be an important step in bringing more adequate housing to the rural areas. The bill provides for federal ownership and federal and/or local operation of farm labor camps, assistance to hired farm workers in obtaining small homes and gardens of their own, and aid for the working farmer himself in improving his dwelling. It is essential that the standard of living, including housing, of the hired farm worker be raised, so that the unsanitary conditions now existing in many farm labor camps will not be a menace to the health of the neighboring communities.

It is also essential a public agency rather than large corporate farming interests, own and operate the homes and labor camps for agricultural workers. The evils of company housing have been conclusively proved in the industrial field. The same mistakes must not be repeated in agriculture. The only result achieved is bad housing and a depression of wage rates for hired workers, which is immediately reflected in the income which the working farmer can obtain for his own labor.

I am genuinely convinced that the interests of small farmers and the non-farm rural population, as well as agricultural laborers, will be served best by the passage of all the farm housing provisions in HR 4009. No one can honestly claim that such aid is "socialistic," when millions and even billions of dollars have been and are being spent each year in farm price supports.

Trusting that I may count on your continued support for this measure in the House and in the House-Senate conference on the bill, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

C. J. HAGGERTY,
Secretary



LOOK OUT BELOW—President James C. Petrillo of American Federation of Musicians-AFL, ducks after someone threw a bucket of water from a window in the San Francisco hotel where the union's convention was held. Petrillo is wearing a raincoat given him by Spike Jones and his band "in case he should ever visit Los Angeles." Spike (in Indian headdress) and the boys paraded up Market street in their underwear to serenade their union leader.—(LPA)

Anti-Labor Bills Lose in Committee Of the Assembly

State Federation News Service

Launching what appeared to be a desperate, last-ditch attack directed toward forcing open-shop and other union-curtailing practices into the forefront of all collective bargaining negotiations, employers' representatives sought to bring their pet anti-labor bills out of committee, where these proposals have long been held in reserve.

One of these bills, **AB 1369** (Levering) purports to deal with anti-featherbedding, while the other, **SB 1110** (Rich), prohibits union security provisions between employes and contractors working on public construction projects.

UNIONS PROTEST

Dut to the objections to these far-reaching measures voiced by C. J. Haggerty and Charles P. Scully on behalf of millions of employes who have consistently enjoyed tremendous gains in wages and working conditions, both directly and indirectly, from union activities, these two bills were defeated overwhelmingly on June 9.

AB 1369 was killed in the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations by a vote of 7 to 2, with only Burke (Alhambra) and Levering (Los Angeles, 60) favoring the proposal. **SB 1110** (Rich) received only one affirmative vote against 6 negative ones in the Senate Labor Committee.

THOSE TWO BROTHERS!

The only important witnesses facoring the Rich bill, which could have interfered with over ninety percent of existing agreements in the contracting industry, were two brothers who were seeking part-time employment during about a two-month period each year, when they were not farming, and contended that their right to work on any project financed by government funds should never under any circumstances be impaired, notwithstanding any infringement that might thereby result on the prior rights to employment of hundreds of other workers whose sole occupation and means of livelihood would obviously be dependent upon employment on construction projects, whether privately or publicly financed.

LOBBYISTS BUSY

Lobbyists supporting **SB 1110** implied that, if they had their way, the building of even as tremendous a structure as another bridge spanning San Francisco Bay should be undertaken apart from existing contracts between contractors and unions, which obviously have come to predominate on an industry-wide basis.

The chaotic conditions of recruiting labor for building purposes and other industrial activities, under this proposed legislation became so apparent to the Senate Committee that, after a full and complete hearing, they overwhelmingly voted down this unmitigated threat to accepted existing collective bargaining procedures.

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Failure to Adopt FEPC Hit by Civic Unity Man

Civic Unity Federation

"A backward group of men in the State Assembly has ignored the needs of our racial, religious and national minorities and has again shoved California to the tail-end of the parade of states who are guaranteeing equal job opportunity for all."

This was the charge made in San Francisco by Richard Dettering, executive director of the California Federation for Civic Unity following the refusal of the State Assembly after three votes to give floor consideration to fair employment practices legislation.

Dettering's organization represents over 50 local non-partisan groups throughout the State dedicated to fighting racial and religious discrimination.

"In the light of the Assembly's action," Dettering declared, "the California Federation for Civic Unity is calling a Northern California conference within the next sixty days to lay plans for an intensive, home-town campaign designed to insure passage of fair employment legislation in the 1951 session of the State Legislature."

Oakland Landlord Sued For Rent Overcharges

U. S. Govt. Release

The Office of Housing Expediter has filed suit in Federal Court in San Francisco against another Oakland landlord accused of overcharging rents, asking for $480 in refunds and damages.

The suit names J. B. Wilson of 3819 Piedmont Avenue as defendant, and asks restitution of $120 to Clarence and Janet Ham and $40 to Shirley Martin, Mary Ann Novosad, and Virginia Kapustka—all tenants at that same address. The government also asks $320 damages under the 1949 rent act giving it authority to sue for treble damages.

The violation consisted of rent overcharges of $20 per month, according to Hubert J. Barnes, Alameda County Defense Rental Area Director. Similar suits will be filed against any other wilful violators of the rent act refusing voluntary compliance efforts, he warned.

During Union Label Week, spearhead the nation-wide campaign with an oath to buy only from firms which display the Union Label, Shop Card or Union Button. They form the target for the drive.

Featherbedding by Businessmen Bared In Digest Article

Washington Teamster

Whenever "featherbedding" is mentioned, a lot of people say "it's those labor unions." But "featherbedding" by industrialists and businessmen is "one of the most costly forms of unproductive economy," according to an article, "The Hidden Hole In Your Pocketbook," in the magazine "Everybody's Digest."

The author, Henry Lars Bart, emphasizes the great waste and heavy cost to consumers of articles which are purposely made so flimsy that they have to be thrown away in a short time, or are so designed that repair parts can be obtained only from the manufacturer.

RAZOR BLADES

One example of this is razor blades. When a few companies had a parent monopoly on safety razors, blades were not interchangeable and were good for one shave only. There was a split-up in one company and the "rebels" came on the market with a blade good for many shaves. Their business boomed. It wasn't long before they were bought off, their product was taken off the market, and blades today are short-lived.

That razor blades can be made to last at least a year has been demonstrated in Britain, according to the article.

AND NYLONS

Another example which Bart could have mentioned in the article is nylon hose. Before these stockings were ever put on the market they were submitted to one of the big laboratories maintained by various industries to test their products.

It was found that "nylons" would last for two or three years. That certainly was a "break" for housewives. But what happened? In order to make their profits bigger, the nylon thread manufacturer and hosiery companies fixed it so their products wouldn't wear so long.

"EVERYBODY DOES IT!"

Now, with hosiery production the greatest in history, "nylons" are purposely being made more and "sheer," according to the "Wall Street Journal." That means they will wear out still faster.

In conclusion, the writer declares that "featherbedding is deplored by everyone, but everyone does it."

California Second In CARE Purchases

Committee for CARE

Residents of the State of California contributed nearly six percent of the total of almost eight million food and textile packages distributed by CARE, the non-profit, government approved relief agency, among the needy of sixteen overseas countries during the past three years.

Miss Beatrice W. Jepson, Executive Director for CARE in Northern California said, "These statistics just released by CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.) show that the total contributed by California numbered 522,051 packages."

CARE began its operations in May, 1946. In the eight-month period of that year, the share of the Golden State was 59,682 packages in CARE's total for that period of 990,000 packages. In 1947, California citizens purchased 190,444 CARE food and textile packages; in 1948, 211,701, and for the first four months of the current year, 60,224 packages.

These purchases put California in second place in all of the 48 states, with New York alone outranking California with a total of 1,910,454 packages purchased since CARE began operations. "Packages bought by Bay Area residents were a very substantial part of the total," Miss Jepson said. Next highest contributors to CARE's extensive relief operations are Illinois, with a total of 455,000 packages; Pennsylvania with 321,000; and New Jersey with 308,000 packages.

Send to Scharrenberg!

State Govt. Release

"Replies to the Organized Labor Questionnaire for 1949 far exceed the number received at this time last year," it was announced by Paul Scharrenberg, director of Industrial Relations. Scharrenberg urged all unions which have not yet done so to make their returns promptly. It is hoped that a response from every union local in California can be received soon enough to be included in this year's survey.

Real Estate 'Must'

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The Justice Department has a green light to proceed with their case against the National Association of Real Estate Boards on charges of violating the anti-trust laws.

The U. S. Court of Appeals ruled that only the Supreme Court could dismiss the civil charges brought by the government against NAREB, Washington Real Estate Board, and 16 brokers.

Charges against the real estate men are that they conspired to fix and maintain brokers' fees in the nation's capitol.

School Construction

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Appearing to back a bill which would authorize a $5,000,000 program to help areas plan a school construction program were AFL Legislative Representative Lewis Hines, Assistant Director of Education and Research George Guernsey of CIO, and Selma Borchardt, legislative representative of the American Federation of Teachers-AFL. All supported the measure pending before the Senate Labor Committee.

Use of Gasoline Rising As Business Declines

SACRAMENTO. — A new record for the month of April was established with the distribution of 273,269,992 gallons of gasoline, according to figures released today by James H. Quinn, Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization. This total was 14,187,000 gallons, or 5½ percent, greater than the April 1948 total.

Motor vehicle fuel tax assessments on April distributions amounted to $12,297,150. However, refunds made during the month by Controller Thomas H. Kuchel of tax paid on gasoline not used on the highways reduced the net revenue to the State from this source to $10,438,250.

More than one billion gallons of gasoline were distributed in California during the first four months of this year—a gain of almost 50 million gallons, or 4.8 percent, over distribution in the corresponding period of 1948.

Net revenues from these distributions, however, were only fractionally higher than in 1948 because of a substantial increase in refunds claimed for farm and other off-road use.

Current figures on gasoline distributions, as well as those of the early 30's, indicate that motor vehicle fuel sales are not too closely related to general economic conditions and do not reflect the current leveling off of business activity, Quinn observed.

(Editor Note: Then, too' its possible that a lot of gasoline is being used by jobless people running the old car hither and yon looking for that mirage, a job.)

Eisenhower's Opposition To Education Assistance

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Now in the hands of the House Labor Committee is the bill which would grant a half-million dollars a year to the states for their education systems.

The measure, passed by the Senate, was under fire from General Dwight Eisenhower, new president of Columbia University, on grounds that it tends toward "paternalism if not outright socialism." Senator Wayne Morse termed this view "sophomoric," and the General's letter is not expected to carry much weight when the full committee takes a ballot.

Even less weight will be attached to the letter because it was sent to the most conservative member of the committee, Rep. Ralph Gwinn (R, N. Y.) who even opposes spending federal funds to build highways.

World Federalists Sending Motorcade

United World Federalists

With the slogan "1849 California or bust—1949 World Government or bust," the United World Federalist California college and high school students' motorcade to Washington, D. C., to keep a date with President Truman, is under way with the departure of their advance-car, which will keep 3 days ahead of the motorcade on the trip.

The advance committee includes Miss Phyllis Barnhill, Director of the Student Division, UMF of California, and Paul Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Reid Dennis, representing the Stanford UWF chapter, which originated the caravan idea.

State Revenues From Liquor Declining Slowly

State Govt. Release

SACRAMENTO — Collections of alcoholic beverage excise taxes in the month of May, 1949, based upon April sales by wholesalers and manufacturers, amounted to $1,236,598, three-fourths of which were derived from distilled spirits sales and the remainder from beer and wine sales, according to information released today by James H. Quinn, Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization.

Beer and wine tax collections were up 3½ percent from the corresponding period of the preceding year. However, the 16 percent drop in distilled spirits excise taxes nullified this gain and resulted in a 12 percent decrease in total revenues from Alcoholic beverage taxes.

Total tax collections from alcoholic beverages were lower this month than in any recent month except March. However, because alcoholic beverage excise taxes are imposed upon wholesale distributions, which are more erratic than retail sales, month-to-month changes are not as significant as changes over a longer period of time, Quinn observed.

Collections on distributions made during the first four months of 1949, totalling $4,923,139, were 4½ percent below collections in the corresponding period of 1948. Thus revenues from this source continue to decline slowly, reflecting the downward trend in general business activity.

5000 Entered Contest Put on by Bricklayers At Union Industry Show

AFL Union Label Dept.

At the Union Industries Show, recently held in Cleveland, the winners of the nation-wide apprentice bricklaying contest, conducted by the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America, were: First, Charles G. Adams, of Ark.; second, William H. Klein, of Tenn.; third, Frank Weiland, of Md.; and, fourth, William J. Watts, Jr., of Pa. The national competition was the first ever held. Five thousand young aspirants from every state in the union were entered in the contest and it attracted national interest and publicity.

I. M. Ornburn, Director of the Union Industries Show, congratulated winners in other contests conducted at the 4th AFL exhibition. Among the various lucky persons was L. M. Griffiths, of Utah, who won a Nash automobile in a drawing sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers. Other prizes were also awarded by the Blacksmiths to I. S. Pofuna, of Mich., who received a Kelvinator; James Kasl, of Ohio, a Johnson outboard motor; Paul Britanak, of N. J., a Fleuger rod and reel, and A. Guay, of Quebec, Can., a bicycle.

Leadership School Held by AFL Union

ILGWU Release

Over seventy members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union gathered at the Workmen's Circle Camp in Chino, California, for the ILGWU Spring, 1949 Leadership Training Institute. Sponsored by the Joint Council of the Sportswear, Cotton Garment, Undergarment and Accessories Workers' Union of Los Angeles and the Southern California Out-of-Town Department, the Institute is a semi-annual educational outing for potential union leaders, who receive an intensive course of training there.

Upon conclusion of the three day sessions, those in attendance unanimously agreed that though they had undergone a strenuous schedule of classwork, they were highly pleased with the courses presented and enjoyed the frequent recreational periods. They recommended that the union arrange for more ample accommodations for the next Institute so that they could all attend again along with the additional members who will receive training for leadership in the union.

Leading Democrats Are Called "Dupes or Dopes"

Edward Gibbons has denied under oath before the State Senate Rules Committee that his anti-Communist publication, the Alert, was subsidized by Senator Tenney's Un-American Activities Committee.

Norman Elkington, San Francisco attorney, was permitted to cross-examine witnesses. He said he represented O'Gara, San Francisco District Attorney Edmund G. Brown, Mrs. Edward G. Heller, San Francisco, Democratic national committeewoman; Senator George Miller (D.), Richmond, and former Senators Jack Shelley, San Francisco, and Oliver Carter, Redding, and William M. Malone, San Francisco, all Democrats.

Elkington declared that all but Malone were listed in the May 2 issue of Alert under the general classification of either "dupes, dopes, fellow travelers or Communists."

Senator Hugh M. Burns (D.), Fresno, vice chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, testified that he personally had no knowledge that any of the persons mentioned ever "aided or abetted the Communist cause."

Work Begun on 95,000 New Dwellings in May

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Homebuilders throughout the Nation started 95,000 new permanent nonfarm dwelling units in May, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin announced here. Releasing the Bureau of Labor Statistics' May figures on housing starts, Tobin said, "This is 9,000 more than were put under construction in April and is within 5 percent of the record 100,300 units put under construction in May 1948."

Preliminary estimates show that builders have started 343,400 new dwelling units in the first 5 months of 1949. The peak in housing starts will probably occur later this year than last.

'Bobtailed Taft-Hartley Act' Flayed by Lawyers

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Leading labor lawyers published their analysis of Senator Robert A. Taft's (R, Ohio) substitute for the administration's Taft-Hartley repealer.

Their analysis of it reveals that the Taft amendments "are carefully designed to give the appearance but not the reality of concessions to the popular demand for Taft-Hartley repeal."

Among the basic Taft-Hartley provisions left intact by what Senator Paul Douglas (D, Ill.) called the "bobtailed Taft-Hartley act," the attorneys said are: "go government by injunction," prohibition of boycotts, the ban on the closed shop and the okay on employer suits against unions.

AFL General Counsel Herbert Thatcher and CIO General Counsel Arthur Goldberg were joined by a dozen AFL and CIO union attorneys in preparing the study.

Labor Men Urge Unity of Unions and Farmers

DES MOINES (LPA)—Vice President Alben Barkley set the theme for the recent mid-western conference of farm, labor and Democratic party leaders. He declared: "Anyone who seeks to divide agriculture and labor is an enemy of the country."

Joseph Keenan, director of the AFL's political arm told the conference—in which farmers predominated—that labor supports farm price supports.

"Organized workers look upon the government price supports for farmers as government action to maintain the farmers 'wage scale.' Farm supports give the farmer a minimum wage."

He pointed out that the same Republican reactionaries who last tried to whittle away agriculture price supports were the sponsors of the Taft-Hartley anti-union law.

CIO Secretary James Carey recalled that the fall in farm prices during the '20s was followed by the great depression of the '30s. Last year, he said, the farmer's prices began to fall, and this year there is mounting unemployment. He declared that labor is afraid the pattern of 20 years ago may be repeated.

PAC Director Jack Kroll told the conference that trade unionists as American citizens are interested in a sound national farm policy. While labor wouldn't attempt to dictate a farm program it will cheerfully support the Brannan plan if that's what the farmers want, Kroll said.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, who keynoted the conference, found virtually all of the delegates wholeheartedly behind his proposals. American democracy is safe, he said, only if it is supported by a prosperous economy. Otherwise all our efforts to protect ourselves against Communists and Fascists will be in vain.

Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath said that although it won't be put before Congress this session, the Brannan program will be a key issue in next year's election. "That's why we invited the labor representatives to this conference," he remarked.

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SOAP, COTTON, LABOR UNITE TO BUST BIG BUTTER FEATHERBED

When the State Senate was discussing the Maloney bill repealing a 52-year-old law prohibiting the pre-sale coloring of butter substitutes, Senator Jespersen of Atascadero said the struggle was "not a fight of housewives vs. butter," but a move by the "soap manufacturers of the world to take over as much of the butter market as they can get."

Jespersen charged that the soap manufacturers have "spent millions in propagandizing the people" for the selling of colored margarine. Senator Donnelly of Turlock added some remarks about the "international soap cartel."

Whatever may be the interest of the soap dealers, great importers of oils which can be used to make butter substitutes as well as soap, the fact is that there are very large agricultural interests lined up against the dairy interests in this margarine fight all over the country. Cotton growers, for example, certainly don't object to having a profitable side line for their cottonseed, which produces an excellent oil. Some butter substitutes are made from byproducts of the slaughtering industry, and consequently beef cattle men are not prone to line up alongside dairy cattle men in this struggle.

The dairy interests have done about as good a job of featherbedding as any one little group in America ever did. Year after year they have compelled housewives either to serve the butter substitutes in pallid and unappetizing form, or to mix laboriously the coloring material in with the margarine. There was no sense to it, there was no question of health involved. It was just plain downright featherbedding—the compelling of unnecessary practices in order to make more money for one particular group of people.

A large part of American business success has been built up on featherbedding practices. The tariff wall behind which huge corporations thrived for generations is the most notorious instance of featherbedding in our economic history. The various cartels in which American corporations joined to create an artificial scarcity, worldwide, are just beginning to get some of the publicity they amply deserve.

Then there is the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, which, with the valiant aid given by Republican Senator Knowland and Democratic Senator Downey, is now engaged in making itself a nice thick featherbed on which to lie snugly and profit by the operations of the Central Valley Project. First oppose Government development of power, then see to it that you get the profitable job of distributing that power—such is one of the featherbedding devices of the PG&E and other private utilities.

Then there is the Southern Pacific, whose president, A. T. Mercier, let out a pitiful wail the other day about how railroads are the backbone of that mysterious monopoly corporation asset, "free enterprise," and wept copiously to the effect that "if Government ownership of railroads comes about in this country, it will not be because the people decided that they would like to have socialized railroads, but because the railroads have not been permitted to make a living."

Why, the Southern Pacific is notorious in American economic history for its monopolistic exploitation of the resources and politics of this State, its thoroughgoing featherbedding!

It is true that the labor unions, which were on the right side in the attack on the dairy interests' featherbedding, have done a little pipsqueak imitative featherbedding of their own, and that some unions still think it is more profitable to build a Chinese wall around the two-for-a-nickel gains they've already made than to go all out for an improved economy supplying plenty for all. Yet anything the unions have done in this way is trivial compared to what the big business outfits have done.

But it is to be hoped that the unions will increasingly line up against any form of artificial restrictions. Let's all produce, let's all consume. The pitiful spectacle of the jurisdictional featherbedding squabble between dairy interests and soap and cotton interests should make all of us in the labor unions realize that this is no game for adults to be playing in the modern world.

SILLY OATH, SMART PROFESSORS

Dr. George A. Pettit, assistant to University of California President Gordon Sproul, has been quoted in the daily press as saying that in his opinion no professor will refuse to sign the proposed new loyalty oath, as "it merely makes more explicit" the oath of allegiance to the State and Nation.

Regent Charles Collins Teague of Santa Paula, darling of the Associated Farmers, fulminated as follows, according to the daily press:

"I'm for the new oath 100% and believe there should be no exceptions whatever for signatories. Only those completely loyal to the State and the Federal Government should be entrusted with teaching the youth of California."

But we'd like to ask Messrs. Pettit and Teague, and Senator Jack Tenney, while we're at it: what's wrong with the old oath taken by so many hundreds of thousands of persons? Why should we "make more explicit" that good old oath, or even "merely" make it more explicit? Here is the old oath:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office according to the best of my ability."

That's a good oath, and it's silly to keep on adding clauses to it every time we have a conniption fit over some new problem.

Even the best oath is a formality, and you have to work out the reality in addition to the formality. As one professor at Berkeley is quoted as saying: "A student once said to me when I asked him to sign the students' oath that he had not cheated in examination, 'If I cheated, I would also lie.'"

We applaud the courage and authentic Americanism of the faculty members who are showing Messrs. Pettit and Teague and Tenney where to head in at. These word-wigglers and swear-swingers who think that the problem of Communism can be settled once and for all by thinking up new intricacies of verbalism need to be reminded that reality is more important than formality.

Expose every twist and turn of the Commie line. But don't start twisting and turning in meaningless wordiness.

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

"THE COUNTRY I LOVE above all—the USSR!" Paul Robeson is quoted by the Moscow radio as saying.

Looks as though Moscow will have to denounce the American singer as one of those "rootless cosmopolites" it's always talking about.

For according to the current Moscow line, if you have any respect for a country other than your own, you're just a lowdown dirty "rootless cosmopolite."

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TEACHING THE FROGS TO BLOAT AND BUST

State Senator Burns of Fresno, member of the Tenney Take-an-Oath Committee, is reported to have said:

"We have the right to demand that our children be taught that this country is the greatest country in the world—not that it is a worn-out rag."

To teach the children of any country that it's the greatest country in the world is the greatest folly in the world. To do it is to make a worn-out rag of any ideal of breadth of view, tolerance, and civilization.

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FREE EXPENSE MONEY FOR THE FREE PRESS

Assemblyman Laughlin Waters of Los Angeles testified before an Assembly committee that the records show that Santa Anita race track managers paid a Los Angeles Times correspondent $1500 for travel expenses to the Kentucky Derby: and paid the following for trips of correspondents to the Santa Anita Handicap and Derby: $250 to S. F. Chronicle; S. F. News, $150; S. F. Examiner, $150; S. F. Call-Bulletin, $150.

Since the Los Angeles Times is one of the leading advocates of "free enterprise," and the S. F. Chronicle of "free press," we assume that's the reason they got more money for covering stories objectively and honestly than the other pikers did.

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NAREB NABOB TELLS ALL ABOUT HOUSING

W. Ed Wallace, president of the California Real Estate Association, says that "political housing" does not solve the housing shortage, and that encouragement to our people to live in and own their own homes is the real fundamental answer to the housing problem.

Listen, Ed, it takes more than "encouragement" to own your own home. It takes money. More than many wage earners have. And as for living in it after you've got it, a workingman or workingwoman never knows when he or she'll have to pull up stakes and move to another community in search of a job. And as for "political housing," let's talk about the NAREB, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the biggest "political housing" outfit in the country, ever ready to play politics to make housing expensive and inconvenient for anyone but the rich.

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CENSORSHIP NEEDED TO QUELL THIS MAN

Paul McGuire in his book, "There's Freedom for the Brave," says that as the result of economic progress in the Western world, "the workers have had material benefits, if they are benefits: jalopies, iceboxes, the cinema, canned goods, and tourist trips. But they have had no spiritual and intellectual benefits. Popular education is the merest sham, a dangerous semi-literacy."

Obviously, some censor should have prevented Mr. McGuire from printing any statement containing so much painful truth.

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COMMIE SQUEAKSHEET STUMBLES RIGHT IN

The Communist People's World claims that Republic Studio, which produces cowboy epics by the dozen, recently put in a lot of work producing a hush-hush film under the title, "The Red Menace."

"A mass campaign must be developed against this picture," said the Commie squeaksheet. "Action is needed now." And it went on to say that "the blazing truth of the people's anger" must be mobilized against the "lies" put out by Republic.

Hardboiled observers of the movie industry's ways nurse a suspicion that the People's World fell into a publicity trap. The studio press agents claim, for instance, that the producer of the film will never be officially identified, as his family is vulnerable to "reprisals." Makes one smell a rat, and not a red one, but a good oldfashioned yellow American showbusiness rat. Well, as the PW would say: "Ain't capitalism orful!"

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COMMON MAN BETTER USE COMMONSENSE!

The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, nationally noted Methodist preacher, says:

"The new era which we were to expect after the war was called 'the century of the common man.' . . . But this devoutly desired goal cannot be atained unless the common man is made to feel a stronger sense of purpose and mission than he now manifests. If the common man is to come into his own rights, he must rise into his own responsibilities."

And two of those responsibilities are:

1—Go to your union meeting and vote;

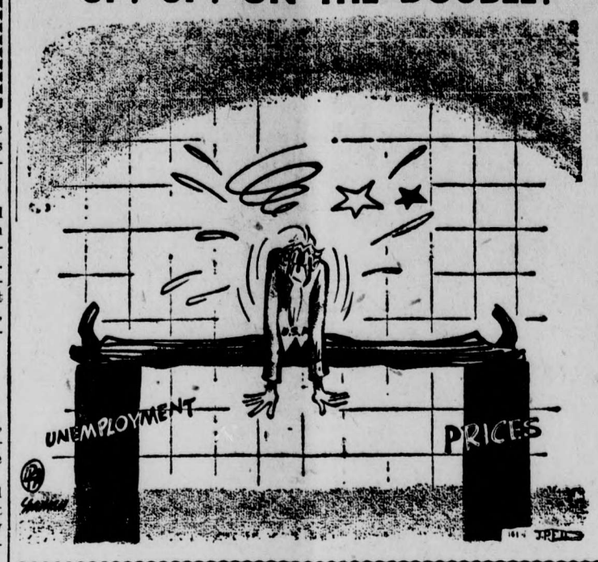
2—Go to your precinct polling place and vote!

COAST'S CLEAR!

Old Maid: "Has the canary had its bath yet?"

Servant: "Yes, Ma'am, You can come in now."

"UP! UP! ON THE DOUBLE!"



'A DOCTOR'S LOGIC' ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE

In last week's issue of The Labor Journal we published part of a talk made by Dr. Emily Huntington of the University of California on the "James Roosevelt Speaks" program over KGO on Sunday, June 5. Here is part of a talk made on the same subject, health legislation, made by Dr. Leo Doyle of Berkeley on the same program Sunday, June 12:

I listened with considerable interest to the remarks of Emily Huntington on this program last week. We have many areas of agreement. At the same time many areas of disagreement arise for the rather simple reason that I am not an economist and she is not a practicing physician.

Let me make it perfectly clear that I am speaking for myself and not on behalf of any organized group of doctors. I find as many areas of disagreement with organized medicine as I do with Miss Huntington.

The most fundamental aspect of this problem is to find a solution that will help all the people and be acceptable to the medical profession. Many economists and social scientists tend to think of medicine as a purchasable cellophane package; they think only in terms of economics and the practice of medicine is much more than that. Remember that NO PLAN IS GOING TO WORK WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION OF THE DOCTORS.

IS PROBLEM SO GREAT?

Is the problem really as great as has been made out by the proponents of compulsory health insurance? If so, why haven't the doctors responded before being goaded by public pressure?

Let us admit there is a great problem for the people to pay for modern medical services which often times requires expensive laboratory and X-Ray tests. There is also the problem of the long drawn out chronic illness, and the catastrophe of sudden injury which can affect everyone of us. We must also admit that the present forms of voluntary health insurance do not adequately handle the problem and do not protect the patient as completely as is necessary. Recently, one of my patients, the wife of a student, who although she carried two of the best voluntary plans available still had to pay out over $500 for hospital medical and drug bills for her family because of the limited type of coverage afforded her under these voluntary plans.

If we doctors are going to offer voluntary health insurance as an alternative to federal or state compulsory insurance, then we must enlarge and improve these plans so that people have the protection they need.

"THE DOCTORS LOGIC"

Admitting the voluntary plans must be improved does not mean that we jump to the conclusion that only federal compulsory insurance is the answer. That may be the economist's logic, but not the doctor's. Let's examine the doctor and his logic for a moment.

The doctor's apathy is little different than the general apathy most people have toward social and political problems. Most men attracted to medicine are moved by a compassion for humanity and not by the avarice and greed that many people would have you believe. However, this compassion is initially directed toward INDIVIDUAL human problems, and not toward the large broad social issues. Nowhere in his professional education is the doctor made aware of societies' problems. He pays his $25 to the American Medical Association without question simply because he doesn't understand the issues involved and for the most part is too busy to spend the time necessary to study **both sides** of the problem.

The physician has retreated from active participation in anything called "political" because of the bad conotation given that word. Now he finds himself confronted with difficult problems, problems of a political nature. There is no reason for the doctor to become a recluse in a democratic society. He has perhaps more to give than anyone else in helping man solve the problems concerning himself.

WHAT DOCTORS FEAR

"All of this is true," you may say, "but what does the doctor fear about insurance medicine?" "Why doesn't he recognize the difference between socialized medicine and President Truman's program which is insurance medicine and quite different?" The answer is remarkable simple: Where do you draw YOUR line?

Several months ago in discussing liberal and progressive movements with James Roosevelt he said, "They are **those movements which allow greater freedom and independence for the individual.**" A loss of freedom is exactly what your doctor fears about any form of government medicine whether it is one of the present proposed forms of compulsory insurance or real socialize medicine. It is not the fear of having our incomes cut, for I agree with Miss Huntington that our income would be protected under most of the proposed plans. But we would certainly lose a great deal of our freedom and independence. Being the kind of individualists we are we value this above everything else, just as you do.

WARTIME EXPERIENCE

Many will ridicule this point, but we have had some experience with this sort of thing that is not easily erased from our minds. During the last war a great many of the members of the medical profession were called upon to serve in the armed forces. We were almost unanimous in our dislike of practicing Army and Navy medicine.

There were many reasons for this, but that type of medicine was inefficient, muddled with red tape, and directed by people who had lost the concept of what the quality practice of medicine was all about. If we doctors were dissatisfied with the care we were able to give you, then you who were patients were even more vocal about the care you received, the hours you waited, the assembly line techniques, the inability to know your doctor and have a real doctor-patient relationship with him. Our experience with other types of government hospitals and administration does not reassure us in way. . . .

CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS

So much for the criticism. Do we have any constructive proposals to make? The physicians of California have a particular pride in the fact that we took an interest in this problem ten years ago. The doctors here conceived a voluntary insurance plan called the California Physicians Service. It is organized and run by the doctors, and not the doctors run by a security administrator. We are not afraid of insurance, but we are vitally concerned who runs the program. That is why we like the California Physicians' Service, and are happy when our patients have this kind of an insurance policy.

Personally, I think this type of insurance should be required for everyone in low and middle income brackets. We doctors still think we know more about practicing medicine than our critics who think medicine is just an economic problem. We California doctors were regarded as "radicals" when our plan was first introduced. But it has been accepted and is working better than any other plan in this country. It can be improved on a national scale by us so that the doctors will cooperate and the patients still receive high quality service . . . higher than any other proposed plan could possibly give. Private insurance companies who meet the requirements set up by law should be able to compete with the doctor's plan. All of the plans should be under the inspection of an insurance board composed of doctors and insurance experts to regulate rates and benefits. The doctor's plan must be non-profit, and the other companies should have their profits regulated by such a board for the public good. The most important thing is that REAL competition exist and not the sham of competition of which we have seen too much in many industries.

FISHY AND SCALY!

A man who discovered the joys of fishing rather late in life became even more insistent than ordinary anglers upon recounting his triumphs to skeptical acquaintances. Enraged by their thinly veiled hints that he was a liar, he bought a pair of scales, installed them in his library, and made his friends watch while he actually weighed the fish he had caught.

One evening a neighbor burst in excitedly and sought permission to borrow the scales. He was back in 10 minutes, his face flushed with delight. "Congratulate me," he cried, "I am the father of a 24-pound baby boy."

HOOVER ON LIBERTY

Liberty has been defeated in a score of nations. They have revived slavery. They have revived mass guilt. They have revived government by hatred, by torture, by exile . . . The only obstacle to the annihilation of freedom has been the United States of America. Only as long as the United States is free and strong will human liberty survive in a world frustrated and devastated by two wars.—**Herbert Hoover.**

WOMEN
in this World
By EDITH McCONN

A LOCAL PHYSICIAN in a recent letter to the editor of this paper, arguing against so-called "socialized medicine" stated that it was not so much a money motive but a cultural one which made young doctors choose the city rather than the country for their practice.

"I like to teach and perhaps do research," he said. "Therefore I must be near a university medical center."

This doctor is no doubt thinking of "specialization," the ear, the stomach, the heart—or the right foot.

At the same time, another doctor, Dr. Ian Stevenson, writing in a recent issue of Harper's Magazine, discusses this same subject of specialization, and does not thoroughly approve of it.

His contention is that while we must have specialization we also need more physicians who will "specialize" in the whole man. For a man is more than the sum of all his parts, and a doctor who looks only at the throat can never get to the causes of even the throat ailment.

THE WHOLE MAN

The causes of most of man's ailments are still unknown. Why one person gets kidney trouble, another a stomach ailment, a third arthritis and a fourth cancer is still a deep mystery.

This Dr. Stevenson believes that we shall not solve this problem until more thoroughly trained physicians really go into the subject of man as a whole.

The modern specialist does not get a chance at this sort of study. He is too busy taking out tonsils, or treating stomach ulcers in a large number of cases to get familiar with all that goes on in one single patient.

Leaving aside the controversial subject of "socialized medicine" which might or might not help with this problem, it would seem that a smaller community might well afford the best field for this sort of research. Dr. Stevenson even suggests that fellowships might be granted to young physicians to go to small towns where they could study, in a scientific way, smaller groups of living beings.

This would not necessarily be a return to the old style country doctor. Such a young doctor would be equipped with a modern scientific education, even perhaps, a small laboratory, and certainly with access to one.

WHY NOT MAN?

Field work has long been a commonplace to any number of the sciences. Birds, insects, trees, rocks have long been studied in their native habitats. Why not man?

Our medical centers, our laboratories, have done marvelous work, and new discoveries are made every day. Naturally, every young doctor feels that he wants to be "in" on this great work.

But might he not be "in" on another great discovery, still to be made? We still need to know the answer to many medical mysteries, involving the whole of a human being.

Perhaps the time has come for some of our young physicians to pioneer in this work. All good doctors are aware of the need, yet the emphasis is still on the laboratory in the urban center.

The tide may be turning, and some medical Horace Greeley may soon be telling the young medicos to "go west" for their research work. The writer of the letter mentioned above should think this over.

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Then There Is That Rising Cost of Auto Insurance

Every car owner has noticed that his automobile insurance goes up year by year. On asking the reason for this the car owner is told that it is due to the increasing accident rate.

The whole idea of insurance is that all holders share the risk. As the risk becomes greater, so does the cost.

Accidents cost us all a great deal, in life, in health, in business and in money. And until and unless the accident rate goes down we cannot hope that the cost of insurance will go down.

Many people, secure in the knowledge that they have insurance, are not too worried if they mash another fellows fender. The insurance company will pay the damages.

But the cost comes back to the car owner in the end, in the form of higher insurance rates.

What can we do about it? Drive more carefully. You've heard that one before!

With increased speed, with increased recklessness we inevitably have more accidents.

More accidents, higher insurance rates.

There's one way to bring them down. But do we really want to?

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Are Children Taught Why as Well as How to Read?

Our schools are constantly trying newer and better methods of teaching children how to read.

But do they teach them WHY to read?

One sometimes wonders.

So few of our younger folk these days ever seem to realize how much pleasure they could get from books, if they once got the idea of how much fun it could be.

Some people really love to get information. One of the easiest, quickest and pleasantest ways to get information is from books.

Some people, especially women, love stories. Books are full of them!

Yet people go to all sorts of trouble to get information. And story lovers endure the dreariness of soap operas day after day for the bit of story that is sandwiched in between the commercials.

There are all sorts of books. There are light books and heavy books, and in-between books. There are books for every sort of person and every sort of mood.

We might have to double the staff at the library if a lot of folks ever discovered the secret that books are fun.

The Suckers' Theme Song
By JOHN J. SWATTEM

"I'll go with them while they're going my way,"
Is the thing that the suckers always say.
Which way are they going? I hate to tell,
But they're going straight to their own red hell.

PROFESSOR AT BERKELEY ADVISES: LET REDS TEACH

Professor Carl Landauer of the University of California recently wrote the following letter from Berkeley to the editor of the New Leader, New York labor-liberal weekly:

I cannot agree with your opinion, expressed in the editorial "Communists as Educators" that universities are justified in eliminating Communists from their faculties for the reason that Communist Party members "are not free to approach problems openly and critically."

True enough, their freedom is limited in some important respects; on issues of great significance they let the leadership of their party do the thinking for them. But long before Lenin, universities have been forced to deal with faculty members having an implicit faith in the decisions of an outside power. The question of whether such individuals should be permitted to teach in institutions of higher learning has been threshed out in innumerable controversies over the position of Catholic professors.

Although the role which Catholicism plays in our intellectual, spiritual and social life is of course entirely different in almost every other respect from the role of Communism, the two organizations are alike in this one point: the insistence on implicit faith on the part of the believers. A Catholic historian is not free to question the infallibility of the Councils of the Church.

Yet today very few educators would like to see their Catholic colleagues ejected from the universities. Why? You have excellently stated one argument for this position: "The greater the variety of opinion sampled by a young person, the better his chance for developing his own ability to select and combine."

HOW ABOUT CATHOLICS?

Another argument might be added: although a Communist, a Catholic or another dogmatist has accepted limitations of which one would prefer an academic teacher to be free, he has at least made up his mind about something. There is an unfortunate tendency in all universities the world over to forget that students must be taught to make up their minds and not merely to analyze carefully both sides of each question.

If a ban is laid on some or all dogmas, administrations may not clearly distinguish between commitments to authorities and commitments to causes, and the mental vice of false objectivity will afflict our faculties in an even worse manner than it does today. This danger alone seems to me far more important that any harm that the presence of a Communist professor of English or of economics on the faculty can possibly cause. In most cases, such presence will do no harm at all; I, for one, have always wished for a professed Communist in the next classroom whose opinions I could tear to pieces.

But if we disregarded all these reasons, it would still be a tremendous mistake to ban the Communists from our faculties, because it would make it more difficult to fight Communism.

PROFESSOR'S DILEMMA

I can best explain this in terms of my own predicament. I happen to teach a course on social reform movements, and for years I have tried to show my students why Communism is a betrayal of the humanitarian spirit that permeated Socialism even in its Marxism form.

If my teaching was at all effective, it was so because my students had the impression that I believed what I said. Now, since it has become dangerous for a professor to be in favor of Communism, at least some of my students will probably suspect me of protecting my bread and butter when I criticize the Communists.

MORE TO PROFIT, LESS TO WAGE

AFL Auto Worker

With the recent emphasis by the AFL AUTO WORKER and other labor papers on the tremendous amount of national income being drained off by relatively few individuals through record business profits, the average consumer may well ask himself the question, how does this affect production and consumption?

These factors are integrally bound up in our national well being, and when one is thrown out of balance, the whole country will suffer.

In 1948, the national output of goods and services reached an all-time peak. Production in 1948 was 66 percent higher than in the boom year of 1929. From the angle of production, therefore, our economy was rolling along in high gear.

But from the angle of consumption, our economy was definitely impaired, and this trend is growing alarmingly worse. For example, in 1929, 76 percent of national production went into actual consumption. In 1939, it slipped to 75 percent, and in 1948 it nosedived to only 60 percent. The cause of this accelerating decline is, of course, the huge slice taken by corporate profits. They are taking an ever increasing share of national income while the share going into wages has been falling.

In 1945 wages before taxes comprised 67.5 percent of the national income. Corporation profits grossed 11 percent. In 1948, the share going into wages skidded to 61 percent, but the share taken by corporate profits had risen to over 15 percent.

FEMININE LOGIC

When the traffic officer waved Mrs. Tucker to the side of the road and attempted to give her a ticket for speeding, he was met with a lengthy and indignant harangue.

When the lady finally took the summons her temper was something less than serene.

Fifteen minutes later the same officer overhauled her again—for more speeding.

"I didn't think you could do it," he observed, "but this time you got her up to 75. Quite a little speed demon, aren't you?"

"Well, why shouldn't I be?" retorted Mrs. Tucker. "After that delay you caused me back there, haven't I a right to make up for lost time?"

VERY SIMPLE

During a question period following a lecture a man arose and put a foolish query to the speaker. The latter replied:

"The logic of your question makes me think of another. Can you tell me why fire engines are always red? You can't. Well, fire engines have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight are twelve. Twelve inches make a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth was a ruler. The Queen Elizabeth is the largest ship that sails the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fight the Russians. The Russians are Red. Fire engines are always rushin'. Therefore, fire engines are always red. I hope this answers your question also."

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

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